

The resolution in favour of Letitia Crookshanks, and her securities, was read the second time and assented to. On the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment? to wit: After the title of the bill, insert, "Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That in future the constitutional term or time for which the senate of Maryland shall be elected, and for which, when hereafter elected, they shall serve, shall be three years instead of five years; that the first election for electors to choose the senate shall be held in the several counties of this state, and in the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis respectively, on the first Monday in September, in the year eighteen hundred and eleven, and on the same day in every third year for ever thereafter; that the said electors, when so chosen, shall meet at the place and in the manner by the constitution now directed, on the third Monday in September, in the year eighteen hundred and eleven, and on the same day in every third year for ever thereafter; and they, or any twenty-four of them, so met, shall proceed to elect a senate in the manner and under the restrictions and provisions of the constitution as it now stands upon that subject, except as to the period or length of time for which the said senate is so to be elected; that in case of refusal, death, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of this state, of any senator, or on his becoming governor, or a member of the council, the senate, together with the house of delegates, shall immediately thereupon, or at their next meeting thereafter, elect, by a joint ballot of both houses, in the same manner as the electors are by the constitution directed to choose senators, another person in his place, for the residue of the said term of three years; provided, that no person holding a seat in the house of delegates at the time such vacancy is to be filled by a joint ballot as aforesaid, shall be eligible to fill such vacancy." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Mason and Mr. Whitely. 5.

N E G A T I V E.

Mr. Lowrey, president, Mr. Covington, Mr. M'Elderry, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Shriver, Mr. Smithson and Mr. Williams. 7.

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment? to wit: After the title of the bill, insert, "Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the election of senators to serve in the senate of this state, shall be made by the citizens of this state, qualified to vote for members of the house of delegates, on the first Monday of October, eighteen hundred and ten, and on the same day in every fourth year for ever thereafter, in the same manner, and at the same places, in the several counties and cities of this state, prescribed by the constitution and laws of this state for the election of delegates to the house of delegates, and every citizen, so as aforesaid qualified, shall have a right to vote for fifteen senators, nine of whom to be residents of the western shore, and six to be residents of the eastern shore, possessing the same qualifications as members of the house of delegates; and the nine persons, residents of the western shore, having the greatest number of votes of all the candidates on that shore, and the six persons, residents of the eastern shore, having the greatest number of votes of all the candidates of that shore, shall be declared duly elected." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Mr. Lowrey, president, Mr. M'Elderry, Mr. Partridge and Mr. Shriver. 4.

N E G A T I V E.

Mr. Covington, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Mason, Mr. Smithson, Mr. Whitely and Mr. Williams. 8.

So it was determined in the negative.

On further progression in reading said bill, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment? Strike out from the word "state" in the 6th line of the 3d page to the end of the clause. Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment? to wit: After the word "void" in the 6th line of the 4th page insert, "And be it enacted, That from and after the first Monday of October, eighteen hundred and nine, the several counties of this state shall be represented in the house of delegates in proportion to their population, after deducting two fifths of all slaves in each of the aforesaid counties; provided, that not more than one representative shall be allowed for every five thousand inhabitants, except the city of Baltimore, which shall be entitled to six members. And be it enacted, That the population as aforesaid shall be ascertained and fixed by the last census, taken under a provision of the constitution of the United States, and such census hereafter to be taken agreeably to the provision aforesaid, shall be the standard by which the representation of the several counties of this state shall be fixed and regulated, except as relates to the city of Baltimore, which shall in no case be entitled to a greater number of representatives than is provided by this act." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Mr. Covington, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Gibson, Mr. M'Elderry, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Shriver, Mr. Smithson and Mr. Williams. 8.