

the erecting a new one by the name of "Carroll," and to alter and change the Constitution of this State, so far as may be necessary to effect the same.

Mr. Ely then moved to amend said bill, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the following,

"That at the next election for delegates to the General Assembly of Maryland, and for the purpose of ascertaining the opinions and wish of the people of Baltimore and Frederick counties, in relation to the erection of a new county out of part of said counties—it shall be lawful for the voters in said counties qualified to vote for delegates to the General Assembly of Maryland, to express their opinions by ballot, for or against the proposed division of said counties or either of them, in the following manner, that is to say those who are in favour of the division and the proposed new county may express the same, by placing on the face of their ballots when voting for Delegates to the General Assembly as aforesaid, the following words, viz: *For the New County*; and those who are opposed to the proposed division, may express the same by placing on the face of their ballots when voting as aforesaid, the following words, viz: *Against the New County*; and all those qualified to vote as aforesaid, who shall neglect or refuse to vote either for or against the proposed new county, shall be considered as satisfied with their present condition as regards the proposed new county, and shall be deemed to have voted against the new county, and they shall be so counted and summed up by the Judges of elections in each of the respective election districts in said counties, who shall make a return thereof and certify the same to the clerks of the said counties respectively, in the same manner as is provided by law for the certifying of the election and return of Delegates to the General Assembly of Maryland, which shall thereafter be deemed as an expression of the opinion of the people of said counties, in regard to the proposed new county, upon which the future Legislation of the State, on this subject, may be based; and if upon the counting and summing up of the whole number of votes as herein before provided, it shall appear that there is a majority of votes in either Baltimore or Frederick counties as aforesaid, against the new county, it shall then be deemed improper to divide said county, so voting against the new county, until a majority of the legal voters therein as aforesaid, shall express their opinion in favor thereof, by ballot as herein before provided."