

Crisfield, Williams, Hicks, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Chambers, of Cecil, McCullough, Miller, McLane, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Spencer, George, Wright, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, McHenry, Magraw, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Presstman, Ware, Fiery, Neill, Harbine Davis, Kilgour, Brewer, Waters, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower Cockey and Brown—77.

So the Convention refused to accept the substitute.

The question then recurred upon the amendment offered by Mr. Fiery.

Mr. Schley, then offered as a substitute for said amendment to strike out all after the words "the House of Delegates, in the 1st line, 2nd section, and insert the following :

"Shall consist of sixty-seven members, to be apportioned among the several counties according to the following ratio: Every county shall elect one delegate for every seven thousand souls it may contain, and for every fraction above half of said number, there shall be allowed to every county having such excess, one additional delegate; the city of Baltimore shall be entitled to the same number of delegates as the county which shall be entitled to the largest representation, and no county shall have less than two delegates;"

Which was read.

Mr. Schley withdrew said amendment.

Mr. Merrick, then moved the amendment offered by him this morning to said section to strike out all the first part of said section, down to the word "rule," inclusive, and insert the following :

"The members of the House of Delegates shall be apportioned to the several counties of the State and the city of Baltimore, in conformity with the following rule;"

Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Merrick,

Said section was further amended by adding at the end thereof the following :

"And the Legislature shall at their first regular session after the authoritative promulgation of each decennial census of the people of the United States, declare by resolution the number of Delegates to which each county and city in the State may be entitled according to the basis herein fixed and the returns of said census.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the amendment as offered by Mr. Fiery, to the said 2nd section of the report.

Mr. Fiery, moved the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being ordered, appeared as follows :