

## THE ELECTIVE FRANCHISE:

*Negative.*—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Dorsey, Randall, Kent, Weems, Dalrymple, Bond, Brent of Charles, Merrick, Jenifer, Buchanan, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, John Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Williams, Hodson, Goldsborough, Chambers, of Cecil, Miller, McLane, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Spencer, Fooks, Jacobs, Biser, Annan, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Presstman, Ware, Neill, Davis, Kilgour, Waters and Hollyday—50.

So the resolution was not laid on the table.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the resolution.

Messrs. JOHN NEWCOMER and HARBINE asked the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

Mr. MERRICK. I suggest to gentlemen who demand the yeas and nays—

Mr. BUCHANAN. (Interposing.) And who are so anxious to save time?

Mr. MERRICK. (Continuing.) And are so anxious to save time, that we have just taken the yeas and nays on a motion to lay the resolution on the table. I hope, therefore, that the call will be withdrawn.

Mr. NEWCOMER insisted on his motion for the yeas and nays.

Mr. HARBINE. If the call for the yeas and nays should be withdrawn, the time of the Convention will be taken up in something a good deal worse.

Mr. MITCHELL. I suggest to my friend on the left, whether if he is opposed to the consumption of time, the demand for the yeas and nays upon every motion that is made, is not a very effectual mode of consuming it?

Mr. HARBINE. Assure me that the time will not be more unprofitably spent, and I will consent to withdraw the call. I feel as sure as fate what the result will be.

The question on the adoption of the resolution was then taken, and resulted as follows:

*Affirmative.*—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Dorsey, Randall, Weems, Dalrymple, Bond, Brent, of Charles, Merrick, Jenifer, Buchanan, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, John Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Williams, Hodson, Goldsborough, Phelps, Chambers, of Cecil, McCullough, McLane, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Spencer, Jacobs, Annan, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Presstman, Ware, Niell, Davis, Kilgour, Waters and Hollyday—48.

*Negative.*—Messrs. Dent, Kent, Lloyd, Sherwood, of Talbot, James U. Dennis, Eccleston, Grason, George, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Shriver, Biser, Sappington, Stephenson, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke, Shower, Cockey and Brown—31.

So the Convention decided that hereafter, until otherwise ordered, the daily hour of the meeting of the Convention should be eleven o'clock.

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, from the Committee on the Elective Franchise, made a report, being an additional section to the first article of the Constitution heretofore reported by the same Committee.

The report was read, and—

On motion of Mr. CHAMBERS, It was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. BLAKISTONE,

The report was referred to the same Committee of the Whole, having under consideration the previous report of the said Committee.

## THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

On motion of Mr. RANDALL,

The Convention proceeded to the consideration of the amendment offered by him yesterday, to the 17th rule, &c.

Mr. R. briefly explained its object. He disclaimed any intention to call the previous question or to encourage its application, and took occasion to say, that he had not the slightest complaint to make of the course, of the debates which had taken place here. He had offered the amendment, with the concurrence of friends who were anxious for the transaction of public business, but who desired that the operation of the previous question should be so restricted, that it would apply only to one proposition, or to such portion of the pending matter as the mover might designate. And Mr. R. briefly exemplified the operation of the change which he proposed to make. The adoption of the amendment, he submitted, would expedite the business of the Convention, without depriving it, in any sense, of the full benefit of the rule.

Mr. BROWN. Your amendment can only operate in Convention?

Mr. RANDALL. Certainly.

Mr. BROWN suggested the propriety of making the previous question applicable in Committee of the Whole, so far as regarded the pending amendment. Time and trouble would be saved. He was opposed to going into committee, and should oppose going into it for the future, unless some means could be devised for arresting debate. That object could be effected under the existing rules in Convention, but not in Committee; therefore, it was, he had suggested that the previous question should be made applicable in Convention.

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Pending the motion of Mr. RANDALL, (the usual hour having arrived,) the Convention,

On motion of Mr. JENIFER,

Resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, Mr. BLAKISTONE in the Chair, and resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the Elective Franchise.

The question pending before the Committee was on the motion of Mr. PHELPS, to amend the amendment offered by Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, as a substitute for the first section of the report,