

and she will have eighteen members of the house of delegates, a sufficient vote to control any election at any time. Now, I want to ask the members from the counties if they are willing to submit to the loss of their power in the general assembly of the State, by giving to Baltimore city such a controlling influence as this section proposes? I hope gentlemen will give this matter their serious and earnest consideration, for by a concurrent vote of the two houses, each section of the State will have an opportunity to be heard.

The question was upon agreeing to the amendment.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's, called for the yeas and nays upon this question, and they were ordered.

The question was then taken, by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas 12, nays 46—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Berry, of Prince George's, Bond, Brown, Clarke, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Edelen, Hollyday, Lee, Mitchell, Miller, Turner—12.

Nays—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Greene, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Schley, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—46.

The amendment was accordingly rejected.

Mr. EDELEN moved that the convention now take a recess.

Mr. VALLIANT. I would like to move a suspension of the rules, in order to afford the gentleman from Howard (Mr. Sykes) an opportunity to renew his motion to adjourn to to-morrow morning. A number of our members have been excused from attendance this evening. And as it is likely that the next report which we will consider will be the report on the elective franchise, they would like to be present and hear the whole of the discussion. And in order to do that it is necessary to have no evening session.

The CHAIRMAN. The decision of the president has been that a standing rule cannot be rescinded without a day's notice being given.

Mr. VALLIANT. I do not propose to rescind the rule; merely to suspend it for to-day.

The question being taken on the motion to suspend the rule requiring the holding of an evening session to-day, it was not agreed to.

The question was then taken upon the motion to take a recess, and, upon a division—ayes 81, noes 25—it was agreed to.

The convention accordingly took a recess.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 8 o'clock, P. M.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Berry, of Prince George's, Brown, Cunningham, Cushing, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Green, Hebb, Hodson, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lee, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Scott, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Todd, Wickard, Wooden—45.

Not a quorum present.

Mr. FARROW moved a call of the convention, which was ordered.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Berry, of Prince George's, Brown, Cunningham, Cushing, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hodson, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lee, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Scott, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Wickard, Wooden—47.

Not a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. FARROW,

The sergeant-at-arms was sent after absent members.

After some time,

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's, moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with.

Mr. HEBB. Is that in order? We are now under the charge of the sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. Certainly not. The sergeant-at-arms is under our charge, and we can do as we please.

Mr. KENNARD. We are controlled in this matter by parliamentary practice. My experience has been that when there is a call of the house, and the sergeant-at-arms is sent after absent members, he locks the doors, and we cannot get out.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. The doors are locked by the door-keeper, who is inside.

The PRESIDENT. The motion is in order.

The question being then taken upon dispensing with further proceedings under the call, it was not agreed to.

After some further time,

On motion of Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's, upon a division—ayes 25, noes not counted—

The Convention adjourned.