

Mr. Maulsby had trusted that this subject would not be opened, as it would have a tendency to mar the harmony of the Convention. Mr. M. then advocated the motion to reconsider.

Mr. Ritchie thought that on reflection the Convention would reconsider the amendment.

Mr. George said that in each legislative district of Baltimore city there were today 100,000 souls, and growing rapidly. In Baltimore county it was 54,000, and the increase of population would, in a few years, run up her numbers to the number which would entitle her under the report to seven delegates, and then each district of Baltimore city would be entitled to seven delegates, although each of them at that time would probably number 200,000 souls. The question was whether the city of Baltimore, which is growing more rapidly than any other part of the State, should be so crippled? If negro suffrage should ever prevail, it certainly would be to the interest of the smaller counties to have as large a delegation as possible from the city of Baltimore, which would present a united front on this subject.

Mr. Wickes said this was a most important matter, and as he thought it should be considered by as full a House as possible, and as he was certain there was now no quorum present, he moved for a call of the House.

The motion for a call of the House having been sustained, the roll was called, when 86 members answered to their names.

Further proceedings under the call were then dispensed with.

The debate was continued by Messrs. Wickes, Garey, Mitchell, Roman, Archer, Nicolai and Walsh.

Mr. Watkins, of Montgomery, moved the previous question, which being sustained, the question was taken on the motion to reconsider, which was disagreed to by a vote of 48 to 40.

Mr. Carter moved that the report be engrossed for a third reading, upon which motion Mr. Vansant called for the yeas and nays, as he wished to record his vote against it.