

From James Madison's Notes on the Constitutional Convention	Explanation
<p data-bbox="128 269 317 302">July 11, 1787</p> <p data-bbox="128 342 1045 521">“On Mr. BUTLER'S motion, for considering blacks as equal to whites in the apportionment of representation, — Delaware, South Carolina, Georgia, aye — 3; Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, no — 7; New York, not on the floor.”</p> <p data-bbox="128 561 317 594">July 12, 1787</p> <p data-bbox="128 634 1045 846">“On the question on the whole proposition, as proportioning representation to direct taxation, and both to the white and three-fifths of the black inhabitants, and requiring a census within six years, and within every ten years afterwards, — Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, aye — 6; New Jersey, Delaware, no — 2; Massachusetts, South Carolina, divided.”</p> <p data-bbox="128 886 768 919">http://context.montpelier.org/document/178#passage-1229</p>	<p data-bbox="1062 269 1990 773">July 12. This vote would establish the three-fifths clause in the Constitution. Its final vote (6 ayes, 2 noes and 2 divided states) reveals solid, but hardly overwhelming support. Much had changed since June 11, when the topic was first broached. Although this vote ties the issue of representation to that of taxation, the debates make clear that the three-fifths ratio for the purpose of calculating direct taxation was not a contentious issue at the Convention. The compromise was between those states that did not want slaves counted at all for the purpose of representation and those that wanted to count slaves fully. Gouverneur Morris would later try once more on August 8 to base representation on free persons only, but his attempt to reopen the topic would fail resoundingly. Indeed the votes taken on August 8 and 21 demonstrate that most of the states had by that time become reconciled to this compromise.</p> <p data-bbox="1062 886 1661 919">http://context.montpelier.org/document/178#passage-0</p>

From Dickinson's personal notebook. July 9, 1787

"Acting before the World, What will be said of this new principle of founding a Right to govern Freemen on a power derived from Slaves, ... [who

are] themselves incapable of governing yet giving to others what they have not. The omitting [of] the WORD will be regarded as an Endeavour to conceal a principle of which we are ashamed."

<http://context.montpelier.org/document/178#passage-1293>