

## Legislative Sketches.

Under the heading of "Legislative Sketches," the *Annapolis Record*, in its issue of the 17th instant, gives the following particulars of the personal and political history of John N. Graves, Esqr., whose seat in the House of Delegates as a representative of St. Mary's county is now a subject of contest.

Hon. John N. Graves was born in St. Mary's county in 1842, and attended public school 28 days. At the age of 14 engaged on board a sailing vessel trading from the Patuxent River to Baltimore, and in his 21st year became master of the same vessel on which he shipped 8 years before as cabin boy. In 1867 he entered the arena of politics, and was elected to the office of Constable, and in 1870 and '72 respectively was appointed to the office of Justice of the Peace in and for St. Mary's county. In the latter part of the year 1872, resigned his office. In 1876 was appointed to the office of Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, of his county. Also in the same year appointed by the Maryland Centennial Committee, to serve on a committee to represent the 5th Congressional District, in the International Exhibition at Philadelphia. He is a student at law under J. Parran Crane, Attorney and Counselor at Law at Leonardtown, Maryland. In 1879 was elected to a seat in the House of Delegates by a majority of 85. He has been a Republican since that party has been a distinctive organization, but entertains the highest respect for his political opponents.