

## THE CHAPLIN CASE.

The *Republic* furnishes the following intelligence respecting Mr. Chaplin

"A writ of habeas corpus was on Wednesday issued by his honor Judge Croach, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia on the application of the counsel of this prisoner and he was yesterday morning brought before Judge C., who required bail in the amount of \$5,000 for his appearance at the fall term of Criminal Court. The counsel returned and accused we understand to be J. H. Bradley, Daniel Ratchiff, and Walter Jones, Esq's. Messrs Bradley and Ratchiff appeared before the Judge on this occasion. The United States was represented by the District Attorney, P. R. Fox, Esq. An Childs, Esq., of the city of New York, who is understood to have come to Washington at the instance of certain friends of the prisoner was also present. A bond for the return of the prisoner in the amount of bail being entered into jointly by Bradley, by General Chaplin, David A. Hall, Parker, and William Blanchard the first named was discharged from the custody of the Sheriff of Washington county, but held upon a warrant issued by virtue of the requisition of the Governor of Maryland, in compliance with which he was in the afternoon conveyed to Rockville by officers Goldard and Hardy."

"As we stated yesterday Mr. Chaplin was conveyed to Rockville on Thursday evening after his arrival there he was taken into custody by Squires Admonson, Spates, and Braffet. D. Ratchiff, J. Brewer, and An Childs Esq's appeared in his defense and the Hon. R. J. Bowie and J. H. Tuck, Esq's. for the prosecution. The number of persons assembled at the court house was unusually large.

"Mr. Bowie remarked that he had tendered his resignation of the office of Attorney for the Commonwealth, but that it had not been accepted and he felt it to be his duty to comply with the call made upon him to attend in the present case.

"Mr. Tuck stated that he was not a volunteer but had been engaged by citizens of Montgomery to appear for the prosecution. He declined to do so some length upon the enormity of the offense attempted by the accused. In the course of his speech he was vehemently applauded. Mr. Bowie rebuked this applause. Mr. Tuck expressed his regret for it. The magistrates continued in silence, and ordered the arrest of any person offending in this wise. The applause was however subsequently repeated. We mention this showing the excited feelings of the people.

"There was some argument between the counsel relative to the power of magistrates to accept bail for the prisoner's appearance, it being contended by the prosecution that a court of record was competent.

The case was finally adjourned till yesterday morning, when, upon the reassembling of the court, the counsel for the prisoner announced their determination to waive further resistance for the present, and the accused was accordingly committed to prison to await his trial upon the charge of a murderous assault.

It may perhaps, be well to explain, that the charge is based upon the defence or assault made by himself or the two slaves of Messrs. Tombs and Stephens, whom he was aiding to escape from captivity some weeks since, when the officers of police and others, who had followed him from this city beyond the Maryland line, were about to arrest him and his party."