

In accordance with the order adopted on yesterday, the Senate having previously qualified according to the constitution, proceeded to the election of a Senator, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Reverdy Johnson, Esq., John Spear Smith, Esq. was put in nomination by Mr. Heath, the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, and on examination thereof by the Clerk, it appeared that twelve votes had been taken in all—whereof, John Spear Smith had eleven votes.

Whereupon, it was declared in the Senate, that John Spear Smith, Esq. was duly elected a Senator for the Western Shore of Maryland, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Reverdy Johnson, Esq.

On motion by Mr. Nelson, the following order was read and assented to.

Ordered, that the President of the Senate acquaint John Spear Smith, Esq., of Baltimore County, of his election to supply the vacancy in this body occasioned by the resignation of Reverdy Johnson, Esq., and request his attendance at the seat of government, to qualify agreeably to the forms of the constitution.

Mr. Heath, from the Committee, reported a bill entitled an act to regulate the removal of proceedings in criminal cases, and to make certain changes in the constitution and form of government for that purpose; which was read the first time.

Mr. Spence presented petitions from Albert Holland, Sarah Holland, and Jesse Holland, of Worcester County, praying that the deeds therein referred to may be confirmed and made valid; which were severally read and referred to the committee on Invalid Deeds.

Mr. Spence also presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset and Worcester counties, praying relief for the heirs of John Stevens, touching the grievance therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Spence, Forrest, and Nelson.

Mr. Heath, from the Committee, reported a bill, entitled an act altering and changing the name of Abraham Barnes Mason, to Abraham Barnes; which was read the first time.

On motion by Mr. Heath, leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled a supplement to the act entitled, an act relating to the Police of the city of Baltimore, Ordered, that Messrs. Heath, Kennedy, and Sewell, be a committee to prepare and report the same.