

the expediency of engrafting in the new constitution, the same or a similar article as is contained in the present constitution, respecting the relation of Master and Slave.

Mr. Johnson, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying that a clause be inserted in the constitution for the removal from within the limits of this State, all free people of color.

Which was read, and

Referred to the committee on the Free Colored Population.

On motion of Mr. McHenry,

The Convention resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of Saturday, being the report submitted by Mr. Chambers, of Kent, as chairman of the committee on the Elective Franchise.

The question pending before the Convention being upon the amendment offered by Mr. Brown, to strike out in the 1st section, 2nd line, the words "for thirty days."

After debate thereon, and

At 3 o'clock P. M.;

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 17th, 1850.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Present the same members as on yesterday.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Graff.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The President laid before the Convention the following letter from His Excellency, the President of the United States:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 1850.

My Dear Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the report and resolutions "on the late acts of Congress forming the compromise, &c.," adopted by the Maryland Reform Convention, which you forwarded to me; and beg leave to express the high gratification which I derived from their perusal. I trust that my future conduct will justify the confidence expressed by the Convention, that I will faithfully perform my duty in the present crisis; and I am gratified with the assurance of the co-operation of the people of Maryland, in any emergency which may require it, in support of the laws and constitution of our country.

Truly yours, MILLARD FILLMORE.

Hon. Jno. G. Chapman, Pres't of Con.

Which was read.