

you in meat or in drink, or in respect of an holiday, or of the new moon, or of the *Sabbath days*."

We submit, in conclusion, that the Jewish Sabbath has never been kept as the present oppressive law requires us to keep Sunday; and that whatever the obligations of the Sabbath, it is not for the State to adopt a particular sectarian view of them, and, in violation of the clear rights of conscience and freedom, to embody that view in a statutory enactment.

We have in this memorial confined ourselves to the real questions at issue, and have not thought it worth while to dwell upon the false and foolish charges of mammon-worship, debauchery, &c., which have been so freely uttered against us. Some latitude of abusive language may be indulged to men whose predecessors in the work of religious persecution enjoyed the now lost privilege of burning their adversaries at the stake.

We respectfully ask of this General Assembly a repeal of the Sunday Law, and in duty bound we will ever pray, &c.

Signed—John B. Williams, M. D.; N. R. Waters; A. C. Sellman; R. W. Glover; R. G. Moore; Robert P. Brown; Samuel Wylie; J. Williams; James Gittings.

Mr. Gorsuch presented the petition of John Derr and ninety other citizens of Frederick county, asking for the passage of a law to protect sheep against dogs;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hutchins moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill entitled, an Act to incorporate the Frederick and Pennsylvania Line Railroad Company, was passed.

Pending the consideration of which,

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived,

In conformity with the Act of Congress, 1866, chapter 245, entitled, an Act to regulate the time and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress, the Senators of Maryland appeared in the Hall of the House, when the Secretary of the Senate proceeded to read the action of that body upon the question of the election of United States Senator on yesterday;

After which the Clerk of the House read the proceedings of the House upon the same subject;

From which it appearing that the Honorable Philip Francis Thomas, having received a majority of all the votes cast,

The Speaker of the House announced the Honorable Philip Francis Thomas elected a Senator from the State of Maryland to the Congress of the United States for the term of six years from the 4th day of March, 1867.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill enti-