

domestic trade in Guano, do hereby request the President of the United States to give immediate and efficient protection to all persons engaged in the same, and especially to cause the Government of St. Domingo to restore at once the island of Alta Vela, in the Carribean Sea, to the jurisdiction of the United States, whence it was forcibly wrested, without color of right, and to make ample atonement for her gross insult to our flag, and the robbery and imprisonment of our citizens; and until such restitution be made, the United States cannot consistently treat with St. Domingo for the purchase of any territory."

AND WHEREAS, the people of this State are largely interested in the subject matter of the same;

AND WHEREAS, citizens of Maryland are claimants as owners of the island of Alta Vela aforesaid, under the Act of Congress of 1856, commonly known as "the Guano Act;"

AND WHEREAS, said island is composed of phosphatic guano of great agricultural and commercial value; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, by the Senate and House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, That they fully endorse the sentiments expressed in the above resolution, and earnestly and respectfully unite with the Legislature of Pennsylvania in asking of the President of the United States immediate and favorable action on the subject.

Which were read a first time and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Dalrymple, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably

A bill entitled an Act to repeal sections 2 and 3, of Article 36, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "estrays," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Which was read a first time.

Also,

The bill entitled an Act to give the assent of the Legislature of this State to a bequest in the will of Susan A. Goodwin, late of Charles county, deceased, to the vestry of Trinity Parish, in said county.

Which was read a first time.

Also,

A bill entitled an Act to authorize and require Hanson Willison, late Sheriff of Allegany county, to convey certain real estate situated in Grantsville, in said county, as in said Act provided.

Which was read a first time.