

County," sub-title "County Commissioners," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Hepbron, from a Select Committee, reported favorably, Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize and empower the Governor to appoint an additional Justice of the Peace in the Second Election District in Kent County.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Sulivane, from a Select Committee, reported favorably,

House bill entitled an Act, regulating fences in Meekins' Neck, in Harper's Island, District Number Six, Dorchester County.

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Peter, from a Joint Committee, submitted the following :

SENATE CHAMBER,

*Annapolis*, January 18th, 1878.

Dear Sir :--By a Joint Resolution of both Houses of the Legislature of Maryland, we have been appointed a Committee, to inform you of your election this day, as one of the Senators to represent the State of Maryland in the United States Senate, from March the 4th, 1879, for the term of six years.

Permit us to tender you our congratulations upon this honor conferred, as we feel confident that your representation of the State of Maryland will be such as to protect and serve the best interest of her people, and at the same time reflect credit upon yourself, and promote the welfare of our common country.

Your obedient servants,

GEORGE PETER,

CLEMENT SULIVANE,

Committee on part of the Senate.

JAS. TURNER,

R. B. CARMICHAEL, JR.,

EUGENE HIGGINS,

Committee on part of the House.

To the Honorable JAMES B. GROOME,

Elkton, Maryland.