

the report of the Department for the term ending December 30th, 1877.

We have the honor to be,

Your very obedient servants,

WM. H. B. FUSSELBAUGH,

President.

Which was read and referred to the Baltimore City Senators.

Mr. Humphreys presented the petition of W. W. Disharoon and 151 others asking the repeal of the Act of 1874, changing the voting place of the 7th Election District of Wicomico County.

Which was read and referred to Senators Humphreys, Dennis and Franklin.

Mr. McLane presented the petition of Robert Gorsuch praying for a pension.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. McLane presented the following communication from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

BALTIMORE, January 14 h, 1878.

*To the Honorable,*

*The General Assembly of Maryland:*

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (long since organized under the laws of this State), beg leave respectfully to solicit the passage by your Honorable Body of the accompanying bill, entitled "An Act for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the State of Maryland."

So far as your Memorialist is aware, this is the only State wherein cruelty to our dumb animals is not punished under its laws, and your Memorialist trusts that the bill to be presented by one of your Honorable Members (under leave so to do), will be enacted into law during your present session.

I have the honor to be with very great respect,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. P. MONTAGUE,

President of the S. P. C. A.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion by Mr. McLane,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Pensions to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to pay Robert Gorsuch,