

FRIDAY, January 8, 1858.

The House met. On the call of the roll the following members were present :

Messrs. Berry, Speaker, Morgan, Neale, Wickes, Meginnis, Tongue, Mackubin, Kilbourne, Griffiss, Magruder, Burgess, Stonestreet, Walker, Allender, Ford, of Baltimore county, Lynch, of Balt. co. Smith, of Balt. co. Clarke, Goldsborough, Waller, Moore, Sudler, of Somerset, Tilghman, Dail, Richardson, Grieves, Davis, Kidd, Belt, Wyville, Contee, Larrimore, Sudler, of Queen Anne's, Spence, Landing, Hearn, Thomas, Harding, Bowlus, Root, Koons, Hobbs, Hanway, Bacon, Baker, Todd, McGonigal, Stirling, Rogers, McPherson, Smith, of Balt. city, Kennard, Harrington, Crowley, Forrest, Alexander, Rohrer, Summers, Gray, Schnebly, Duvall, Worthington, Thruston, Kilgour, Barnard, Mountz, Day, Welling and Dorsey.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Dail presented a petition, from sundry citizens of Dorchester and Caroline counties, to authorize Solomon Richards, a free negro of Dorchester county to pass the title of his real estate, by deed or last will and testament, to his children ;

Which was referred to the committee on Judiciary hereafter to be appointed.

Mr. Magruder offered the following order :

Ordered, That Thomas J. Wilson, of the city of Annapolis, be and he is hereby elected Printer to this House ; and that the committee on Printing hereafter to be appointed, contract with him for the execution of the printing ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers offered the following order :

Ordered, That James W. Leggett and Charles J. Nesbett, of Washington county, parties claiming seats as members of this House, be each accorded the privilege of a seat on this floor until the question of their respective rights be decided ;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dail,

Leave was granted to the Dorchester delegation to introduce a bill to divide Election District No. 2, in Dorchester county, into two Election Districts.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

Leave was granted the committee on Judiciary, to bring in a bill to interpret and define the meaning and application of the word "resident," as it is used in the Constitution, Article 1st, Section 1st.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,