

And a bill entitled an act to authorise John Donohoe, William Verdin and William A. Patterson, to improve a tract of land called Devil's Island or Hiram's Lot, on the Susquehanna river.

I have the honor,

to be your ob't serv't,

John Nick. Watkins, Clk.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of Thomas Barthelow and others, praying to have refunded certain money paid under forfeited recognisance ;

Read and referred to Messrs. Brown, Lecompte of C. and Shaw.

And the petition of Stephen Gorsuch, asking the passage of a law authorising the sale of certain property therein mentioned ;

Read and referred to Messrs. Brown, Powder and Shaw.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

Leave was granted to the committee on Elections and Privileges to sit during the session of the House.

Mr. Phelps presented the memorial of the commissioners of Dorchester county in relation to the act of 1797, chapter 90, entitled an act for the more effectual collection of county charges in the several counties of this state ;

Read and referred to the committee on ways and means to be hereafter appointed.

Mr. Lecompte of Carroll, presented the petition of John Koons, George Crabbs and others of Carroll county, praying an act of incorporation ;

Read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte of C. Brown and Shaw.

Mr. Holland presented the petition of Solomon Smith, of Worcester county, praying to make valid a certain deed therein named ;

Which was read.

Mr. Hammond moved to refer the same to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to be hereafter appointed ;

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Holland,

Ordered, That said petition be referred to a select committee of three.

Whereupon the Speaker appointed Messrs. Holland, Hearn and Handy of W. said committee.

Mr. Gallagher asked the following leave :

Leave to bring in a bill to provide for the election of representatives to the next Congress of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Owens,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said leave be postponed until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Spence,