

For Montgomery County.—William L. Gaither, Richard R. Waters, Robert T. Dade, and John G. England.

For Allegany County.—Jeremiah Berry, Jefferson M. Price, and Andrew Newman.

For Carroll County.—George Crabbs, Joseph M. Parks, Geo. Bramwell, and Thomas Hook.

The committee further report that at present there is a vacancy in the delegation from Calvert County occasioned by the judges of that county having returned Francis Stephens, and James G. Allnut, as having received an equal number of votes. Each of these gentlemen claim a right to the vacant seat, upon the ground of illegal votes received and legal votes rejected at the late election as will appear from their memorials heretofore presented to this house, and which have been referred to the committee on elections.

The committee have felt themselves bound to be regulated in the investigation of the claims of these gentlemen, by a precedent established by the last House of Delegates in the cases of the contested elections from Kent, Frederick and the city of Annapolis, in the order which was adopted on the 2d February 1839, by which the committee on elections, were instructed to issue subpoenas for any witnesses which either of the parties may name to the committee for the purpose of showing illegal votes received or legal votes rejected at the election. The committee of elections therefore will proceed to investigate the claims of these gentlemen according to the mode prescribed by the order of the last house of delegates above referred to, unless otherwise instructed by the present house, and report the result of their examinations at as early a day as practicable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN THOMSON MASON,
Chairman.

On motion of Mr Tuck,
Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Legrand asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to authorise Doctor A. M. Penn of Baltimore, to bring into this State from the State of Virginia four negroes, slaves for life; referred to the committee on colored population.

Mr. Cottman from the select committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled, an act to authorise Dr. John A. E. Horsey, of Somerset county, to introduce into this state, certain slaves for life:

Read the first, and by special order the second time; passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Phelps offered the following order,

That the committee upon the constitution, to which was referred the confirmatory act from the senate, limiting the session of this Legislature until the 10th March, be directed to report upon the same at their earliest convenience;

Mr. Mason moved that the same be laid on the table: