

relative to an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, so as to exclude the representation now allowed of the slave population, and also

A preamble and resolutions relative to admission to seats in the House of Representatives of Congress of persons not elected according to law:

A communication from the Secretary of War requesting the State of Maryland, to cede jurisdiction to the United States, over a piece of land lying in Prince George's county, which is occupied for the accommodation of the public services of the United States at Fort Washington:

A communication from the Secretary of War, asking the State of Maryland to cede jurisdiction to the United States, over a piece of land lying in Baltimore county, which is occupied as the scite of the Pikesville Arsenal:

A report from the directors of the Penitentiary:

A report from the superintendent of the National road, and

A report from the joint committees of the two Houses of the General Assembly, appointed under resolution No. 8, of December session 1840, and by resolution No. 38, of last session.

FRANCIS THOMAS.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Gallagher submitted the following preamble and order:

Whereas, this House has heard with deep regret, intelligence of the death of Lieutenant Col. Fowler, one of the gallant defenders of Baltimore, who so nobly distinguished himself as commander of the 39th regiment of Infantry, at the battle of North Point, therefore—

Ordered, That as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, His Excellency, the Governor, be requested to cause the National flag to be displayed at half mast, from the State House steeple, during this day; and be it further

Ordered, That the House now take a recess until one o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral of the deceased.

Which was twice read and unanimously adopted.

The House accordingly took a recess until one o'clock, P. M., and attended the funeral of the late Lieut. Col. Fowler.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House met.

On motion of Mr. Freeman,

Leave was granted the Charles county delegation, to bring in a bill regulating fishing on the Potomac river during certain months, and concerning obstructions to fishing on said river.

On motion of Mr. Harrington,