The bill entitled, An act to increase the number of constables and justices of the peace in Kent county;

Was read the third time, and rejected by yeas and nays, as follow:

## AFFIRMATIVE-None.

## NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Everett, Sellman,
Goldsborough, Pt. Harrison, Townsend,
Blackiston, Heckart, Waters,
Eichelberger, Lankford, Willis—11.

On motion of Mr. Lankford,

The Senate reconsidered the vote rejecting the bill, and,

On motion of Mr. Smith,

It was referred to the committee on the Constitution.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following message:

By the House of Delegates, December 19th, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received your message asking the return of your message concurring in the message of this House, proposing to adjourn on to-morrow at one o'clock, and herewith return the same.

## By order,

T. Snowden Thomas, Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Also, delivered the following resolutions:

Preamble and resolutions in relation to interference by the General Government with the institution of slavery in the prosecution of the war;

Which was read the first time, and

Referred to Messrs. Goldsborough, of Dorchester, Smith and Eichelberger.

Also, returned the preamble and resolution in relation to slavery;

Endorsed, "passed by yeas and nays."