

ed, and having duly qualified in the manner and form prescribed by the constitution and laws of this state, before Gideon White, esquire, a justice of the peace for Anne-Arundel county, took his seat as a member of the House of Delegates.

The house then adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 16, 1827.

The house met. Were present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. John Hughes, to whom leave of absence was granted. Mr. Millard, who had been absent for some days appeared and took his seat. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to make valid a deed from John Miles to John Coulbourn, late of Somerset county, deceased, passed by this house yesterday; and the message then agreed to, proposing to unite the committees, respectively appointed by both houses, to consider the general system respecting officer's fees that has been laid before the legislature, were sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Norris, the house agreed to suspend the 4th rule, which prescribes that petitions and memorials shall next be announced and taken up in succession, the 3d rule having been complied with, for the purpose of considering the following order, which he then submitted, viz.

Ordered. That the committee of claims be instructed to inquire into and close the ac't. of Samuel Bradford, esq. late sheriff of Harford county.

The said order was twice read and adopted.

Petitions and memorials were presented, viz.

By Mr. Teackle, a petition from William Juett, and others, of Somerset county, praying to be admitted to the benefits of public instruction, in primary schools; referred to the standing committee on public instruction.

And a petition from sundry voters of Somerset county, praying the confirmation of the act of December session 1825, relative to the alteration of the election districts in the said county; read and ordered to lie on the table.

By Mr. Ridgaway, a petition from sundry citizens of Queen Anne's county, praying that the election district of said county, number three, be subdivided, and that two election districts be established therein; referred to Messrs. Ridgaway, Nicholson and Stevens.

By Mr. Farquhar, a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying for the passage of a law to re-