

TUESDAY, January 30th, 1827.

The house met. Were present, the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan, the ordinary course of business of the house, was suspended for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the order of the day, as regarded the report of the standing committee on elections and privileges, in the case of Samuel L. Rauleigh, esquire, a delegate returned as duly elected for Dorchester county.

The said report was then read the second time; when on motion by Mr. Buchanan, it was Ordered, That Mr. Rauleigh be permitted to make his defence, in extenso.

The depositions taken of the witnesses summoned before the committee, accompanying their report, were also read; and after considerable debate on the subject,

On motion of Mr. Du Val, and by permission of the house, the following interrogatory was propounded to Mr. Rauleigh:

Have you had confided to your charge any congregation of the Methodist Church, since the first of October last, as a preacher of that church? Mr. Rauleigh answered the interrogatory in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Sappington, the chairman of the committee on elections and privileges, the Rev. Henry White, the Rev. John Bell and the Rev. James Herron, the attending witnesses, summoned in the case, were then called and introduced by him within the bar of the house.

On motion by Mr. Du Val, it was Ordered, That all questions put to the witnesses introduced within the bar of this house, be reduced to writing and read by the clerk.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, it was Ordered, That Samuel L. Rauleigh, esquire, have permission to examine the witnesses now attending, and to be heard in his defence, by counsel, at the bar of the house.

Mr. Stricker moved that the further consideration of the said report, and of all proceedings pending thereon, be postponed until Saturday next.

Mr. Chapman moved to substitute "Monday," for "Saturday;" and the question being taken on the adoption of the substitute proposed, it was resolved in the affirmative. The house then agreed to postpone the further consideration of the subject until Monday next as proposed.

Petitions and memorials were this day presented, viz.

By Mr. Nicholson, a petition from Henrietta Hewit, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce; referred to the standing committee on divorces.

By Mr. Stricker, the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Baltimore, praying that the bill reported in this house, entitled, An act to establish pilots, and re-