

negroes of the State of Alabama, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the special order, it being the bill to divide the State into seven congressional districts.

The question pending on the motion of Mr. Webb to recommit the bill with instructions to report a bill districting the State on the Federal Basis.

After much time spent in discussion on said bill,
The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

JANUARY 17, 1854.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Leave of absence was granted to the Secretary of the Senate for three days.

Mr. Kelly moved that Thomas Harrison be appointed Secretary *pro tem.* during the absence of the Secretary. Carried.

Mr. Blake, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the House bill to provide for payment of notaries public, reported that it is inexpedient to pass said bill.

Concurred in.

Mr. Blake, from the same committee, reported adversely on the bill to amend section 2455 of the code.

The report was laid on the table, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Blake, from the same committee, reported an amendment for the House bill to make protests of notaries evidence in certain cases.

The amendment was adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Blake, from the same committee, reported that it is inexpedient to pass the House bill in relation to establishing or abolishing the place of voting at election precincts.

On motion of Mr. Baker the report was laid on the table, and the bill referred to a select committee of three.

Mr. President appointed Messrs. Baker, Bradford and Frazier said committee.

Mr. Blake, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably on the House bill in relation to lives on steam boats and other water craft, and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Bethea, the report and bill were laid on the table.

Mr. Blake, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that it is inexpedient to pass the House bill to regulate the sale of real and personal property by executors or administrators.

Mr. Crenshaw moved to lay the report on the table, and moved to amend the bill by striking out all after the first section.

Carried, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Patton, from the Committee on Internal Improvement, to