
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JUNE 25, 1862.

Read twice, referred to the Committee on the Territories, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. G. BROWN, on leave, introduced the following bill :

A BILL

For the admission of the State of "West Virginia" into the Union,
and for other purposes.

Whereas the people inhabiting that portion of Virginia known as West Virginia did, by a convention assembled in the city of Wheeling on the twenty-sixth of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, frame for themselves a constitution, with a view of becoming a separate and independent State; and whereas at a general election held in the counties composing the territory aforesaid on the third day of May last the said constitution was approved and adopted by the qualified voters of the proposed State; and whereas the legislature of Virginia, by an act passed on the thirteenth day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, did give its consent to the formation of a new State within the jurisdiction of the said State of Virginia, to be known by the name of West Virginia, and to embrace the following named counties, to wit: Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Taylor, Tyler, Pleasants, Ritchie, Doddridge, Harrison, Wood, Jackson, Wirt, Roane, Calhoun, Gilmer,