

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying a repeal of the law for the more effectual breed of wild deer, so far as it respects Dorchester county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Goldborough, Mr. S. Frazier and Mr. Steele, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to continue an act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Wilson, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Johnson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Richard Folwell, printer, of the city of Philadelphia, praying the aid of the state of Maryland in the publication of the journals of congress, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Smith, of Baltimore, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Marbury and Mr. Wilson, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from John Groves, of Anne-Arundel county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on a petition of a similar nature.

A petition from Levin Luckett, of Montgomery county, praying he may be authorized to alter the course of the road leading from George-town through his plantation, and also to turn the Baltimore road, now requiring a lane through his cultivated fields, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Veatch, Mr. Beall and Mr. T. Davis, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lambert Hyland, a delegate returned for Somerset county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

Petitions from John Sites and Devalt Glockner, of Washington county, aliens, praying a confirmation of their titles to certain lands, were preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Cromwell and Mr. Cellar, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Benoni H. Wade, of Prince-George's county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Addison, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Pattison, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to continue an act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to report the rules proper to be observed during this session, beg leave to submit the following:

1. At the hour appointed for sitting the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

2. Every member shall take his seat when the speaker takes the chair, and remain uncovered till the house rises.

3. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall rise and respectfully address himself to the speaker.

4. No member, at the time of speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

5. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall determine which shall speak first.

6. No member shall speak a second time until every member who offers to deliver his sentiments has spoken once.

7. Any member called to order by the speaker, or any member, shall thereupon take his seat.

8. When the house is sitting, no member shall hold conversation to interrupt debate.

9. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded, and, (if desired by the speaker or any member,) reduced to writing, delivered in at the table, and read by the clerk.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, or be postponed by a motion for commitment, or postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

11. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas and nays shall be taken when required by three members who shall have divided on the question.

12. The previous question, that is, Whether the question propounded be now put? may be called for by any member on any question, except to an amendment, or other matter which cannot in its nature be postponed.

13. If a question in debate contains more distinct parts than one, any member may, of right, have the same divided into as many questions as parts.

14. All questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present, those dividing in the affirmative rising in their places, those in the negative continuing in their seats, and so vice versa until a decision by the speaker.

15. Whenever the speaker shall decide any question, the same shall be final, unless the yeas and nays be required.