

A petition from Elizabeth Lamb, of Kent county, praying a divorce, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Angier, Mr. Davis and Mr. Brice, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following resolution:

By the S E N A T E, November 11, 1808.

Whereas great doubts are entertained, and great diversity of opinion seems to prevail, in relation to the power exercised by congress touching the right of individual states to regulate and settle the manner of electing their representatives to congress: And whereas serious fears are entertained by some of the good people of this state, that the principles upon which congress decided in the premises, if conceded by the states, will greatly tend to abridge the rights of individual states, and to impair their sovereign powers; therefore RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed, in conjunction with such committee as may be appointed by the house of delegates, to inquire whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary in the laws regulating the election of members to congress, and that such committee be authorised to report by bill or otherwise.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Covington, Mr. Lowrey and Mr. Partridge, be the said committee on the part of the senate.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act to extend further the powers of the levy court of Allegany county, relative to roads in said county, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Mahon, Mr. Hilleary, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Reid and Mr. Dorsey, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The following message was read.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 11, 1808.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

WE received your message of this morning on the subject of the election of members to congress, and concur with you in opinion as to the necessity of inquiring if any and what alterations are necessary to be made in the same. We have therefore appointed Messrs. ———, on the part of this house, to join the gentlemen nominated by your house, to compose a joint committee for the above purpose.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Talbot county. ORDERED, That Mr. Seth, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Edmondson and Mr. Sanders, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the fees of the register of the court of chancery. ORDERED, That Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sanders, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following resolution:

By the S E N A T E, November 11, 1808.

Whereas there appears from the representation of the treasurer, that considerable sums of money are due to the state under the several denominations of debts therein mentioned, and some of said debts appear to be long due, and in a hazardous situation: And whereas it is important to determine what is the real and existing situation of the funds of this state; therefore RESOLVED, That Mr. Partridge, Mr. Covington, Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Smithson and Mr. Williams, be a committee on the part of the senate, to join such members as may be appointed by the house of delegates, to inquire into the same, and that they be authorised to call on the treasurer for such explanations as they shall think proper, and report the actual state and situation of the public funds and revenue, and to consider and report such plans for the increase, improvement and investment thereof, as may be deemed by them most advantageous and beneficial for the interest of the state.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message was read and agreed to.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 11, 1808.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

WE concur with you in the policy of raising a committee to examine the outstanding debts due to, and of reporting plans for the improvement and investment of the funds of, the state. We have therefore appointed Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Spencer, Mr. John Thomas, Mr. Stansbury, Mr. Gale, Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Herbert, on the part of this house, to join the gentlemen nominated by you, and to act on the subject matter of your resolution.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hopewell have leave of absence.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, November 12, 1808.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hopewell. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. John Parnham, a delegate returned for Charles county, and Mr. Solomon Scott, a delegate returned for Queen-Anne's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed