

6 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Present Messrs. Speaker, Kilgour, Millard, Hawkins, Gough, Welch, Boon, Wickes, Harris, Gantt, Maxcy, Estep, M. Smith, Chapman, Rogerson, Edelen, Shower, Turner, M'Culloh, Goldsborough, Banning, A. E. Jones, Teackle, B. I. Jones, Douglas, Thomas, Gilpin, Harlan, Beall, Duvall, Barrette, Speed, Hopper, Stevens, Mitchell, Cockey, Barnes, Sappington, Farquhar, Montgomery, Sewell, Hall, Keene, Howard, Tyson, Merrick, Kershner, Kennedy, Lansdale, Lee, Hughes, Willson, Perry, Reid, Blair, Armstrong.

The act supplementary to the act, entitled, An act for founding an university in the city or precincts of Baltimore, by the name of the University of Maryland, and the message relative to signing the laws, were sent to the senate.

The engrossed bills from No. 124 to No. 161, inclusive, were severally read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate returns the same, severally endorsed 'read and assented to.'

On motion by Mr. Barnes, the following resolution was read:

Whereas this legislature contracted with Jonas Green, to print the daily journal of both branches at its present session, and fourteen hundred copies thereof for distribution, at the rate of \$2 75 per page, therefore, Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to pay to Jonas Green, or order, at the above rate of \$2 75 per page, for the printing so contracted for, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, upon his producing a certificate from the clerk of the council that the work has been completed, and is ready for distribution.

Mr. M'Culloh reports the bill concerning mortgages, and other deeds, without amendment.

Mr. Speed delivers the following report:

A minority of the committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of the city of Annapolis, praying an alteration in the law relating to the appointment of judges of elections for said city, and also the memorial of sundry other citizens, counter to said petition, beg leave to report—That they have had the said petition and memorial under their serious consideration, and can see no good reason why a provision of the original charter of the city of Annapolis, and which was afterwards engrafted in, and is a part of the constitution of the state, should now be abolished, or in any way altered. This provision has now been in force about 120 years, and the citizens voters, who have signed the counter memorial, and who are much more numerous than the signers of the petition submitted to your committee, declare that "no inconvenience has resulted from it." Had this provision been defective, or wrong, and had it been productive of the great inconveniences the petitioners speak of, those of your committee who join in this report, cannot but think, that such defect would have betrayed itself in practice, and such inconvenience have been made a subject of legislative redress, long since; yet your committee are not aware that any application has heretofore been made to the legislature on this subject. On the contrary, it appears that the framers of the constitution of the state, without objection or difficulty, approved the wisdom and propriety of this provision of the charter of Annapolis, and by engrafting it in that instrument, gave it their sanction. And it also appears, that the general assembly, when they were called on at their session of 1818-19 to modify and amend the said charter, did not find reason or neces-