

The speaker laid before the house the report of the auditor general; which was read and referred to the committee of claims.

The bill granting to the state of Pennsylvania the right to cut a canal from the Maryland line to the Potomac river, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Howard, the question was put, That the same be referred to the committee on internal improvements? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Banning, the following message was read and assented to:

By the House of Delegates, January 10, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have appointed, on the part of this house, Messrs. Banning, Rogerson, Grubb, Hughes and Sappington, to act in conjunction with such gentlemen as may be named by your honourable body, as a committee of both houses, for the purpose of comparing and examining the engrossed bills.

By order, John Brewer, Clk.

The orders relative to committees on the several subjects mentioned in the governor's message, were read and severally assented to.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill incorporating the Maryland Institute for the promotion of the Mechanic Arts, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Sappington presents a petition from sundry justices of the peace in Frederick county, praying that the clerk of Frederick county may be directed to deliver to them certain acts of assembly; referred to Messrs. Sappington, Cockey and Farquhar.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1826.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Hawkins appeared in the house.

The bill to authorise aliens to purchase and hold real property within this state; and the message proposing a committee to examine engrossed bills, were sent to the senate.

The speaker announced the following committees:

On the communications received from the states of Delaware, Connecticut and Illinois, Messrs. Worthington, Edelen, Parker, Gilpin and Montgomery.

On so much of the governor's message as relates to the pernicious tendency of the meeting together of bodies of negroes for the purpose of dissipation and riot, Messrs. Stevens, M. Smith, Spencer, Eccleston and Turner.

And on so much thereof as relates to the evils arising from numerous tippling shops, Messrs. Teackle, Speed, Shower, Williams and B. I. Jones.

Mr. Speed presents petitions from Joseph Simmons and William J. Pearce; and Mr. Kilgour presents a petition from Catharine Thompson, for support; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from Seth Sweetser, and others, praying that persons destroying pointers or indexes on public