

Willis and King, a committee of claims. Messrs. Boyle, Maulsby, Hayward, R. Stevens, Kent, Wilson and Hilleary, a committee of elections and privileges. Messrs. Maulsby, Barney, D. Martin, Cockey, Forrest, Kent and Polk, a committee of ways and means. Messrs. Marriott, Wright, J. P. Kennedy, Allen and Stoddert, a committee of grievances and courts of justice. Messrs. Frazier, Cross, T. Kennedy, Wright and Scott, a committee of pensions and revolutionary claims.

The speaker laid before the house a return from the clerk of Anne Arundel county, relative to the attendance of the judges; which was read.

The house proceeded to ballot for committee clerks. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Thomas Pollard, Richard Bennett, William Boon, Jason Moore, and Samuel S. Hodgskins, were elected. Ordered that they be qualified as such.

The clerk to the council delivers a communication from the executive; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Key, the following order was read and assented to: Ordered, That the committee of claims be instructed to receive proposals for the printing of this house, and the supply of stationary, and so forth, and they are hereby instructed to contract for the above objects on the cheapest and best terms.

On motion by Mr. Key, Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consist of seven members, to whom shall be referred the petitions of poor persons praying for relief from the several counties in this state.

On motion, the speaker appointed Messrs. Key, Lake, Barney, Wilson, T. Kennedy, Gaither and Cockey, to be the said committee.

On motion by Mr. Key, Ordered, That the committees heretofore appointed on such petitions be discharged, and that the same be referred to the committee just appointed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:
BY THE SENATE, December 6, 1820.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,
The senate having formed a house is ready to proceed with the business of the session. We have appointed the Honourable William Spencer, President, and John N. Watkins, Esquire, clerk, and propose to sit for the dispatch of public business from ten o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon.
J. N. WATKINS, Clk.

By order,
Which was read.

The message informing the senate that this house had formed a quorum, was sent to the senate. The order relative to the appointment of chaplain was read the second time, the first blanks therein were filled up with the names of Messrs. Robert Stevens and Warfield, and the other blank with the name of the Reverend John Emory; and the order was then assented to.

Mr. Marriott delivers a list of fees received by the examiner general; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Beckett, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property in Calvert county. Ordered, That Messrs. Beckett, Dalrymple and Kent, prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Lake, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and amend the testamentary system of this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Lake, Maulsby and Key, prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Maulsby, Ordered, That 200 copies of the executive message be printed for the use of the members of the legislature.

On motion by Mr. J. B. Eccleston, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments. Ordered, That Messrs. J. B. Eccleston, Wilson and Dennis, prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, Ordered, That the committee of claims furnish the legislature with twelve copies of the laws and votes and proceedings of the last session.

On motion by Mr. J. P. Kennedy, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the levy court of Baltimore county in the cases therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. J. P. Kennedy, Snowden and Barney, prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Dennis delivers a petition from Joseph S. Colgar, of Somerset county, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs. Dennis, King and Polk.

On motion of Mr. Marriott, the following resolution was read:
Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the examiner general of the western shore such sum, in addition to his fees for the present year, as shall amount to the sum of three hundred pounds current money, and the examiner general shall lay before the next session of assembly, the amount of fees by him received in this year, on oath.

Mr. Davis reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of John Jameson, of Virginia; which was twice read and passed.

Mr. Stoddert delivers a petition from Edmund Henry Contee, of Charles county, praying permission to remove slaves into this state; which was read and referred to Messrs. Stoddert, Posey and Rogerson.

Mr. Key reports a bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of the real and personal property of Saint-Mary's county; which was twice read and passed.

Mr. Snowden delivers a petition from Thomas Knock, of Baltimore county, praying a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Snowden, Orrick and Showers.

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

THURSDAY, December 7, 1820.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The bill for the benefit of John Jameson, of Virginia, and the bill for the revaluation of the real and personal property in Saint Mary's county, were sent to the senate.

R. H. Archer and John Wroth, Esquires, delegates returned for Cecil county, and Benjamin S.