

OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The order proposing to appoint a committee to enquire into the manner in which justice is administered in the courts of law and equity throughout the state, was read the second time and assented to.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 5, 1822.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate are disposed to concur in an arrangement to interchange services between the Reverend Mr. Rafferty, who is appointed to perform divine service in the senate chamber, and the Reverend gentleman appointed by your house.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

BY THE SENATE, December 5, 1822.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing to go into the appointment of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, to-morrow at 12 o'clock. The senate cannot perceive that any necessity exists for proceeding so speedily to an appointment so important in its consequences, and so interesting in its result, to the people of this state. Many members of this house are still absent from the seat of government, for whose opinions and feelings the senate entertain so high a regard, that they cannot, under existing circumstances, proceed so precipitately. The session of congress has but just commenced; no business of consequence can possibly occur in that body for some days, and no interest of the state, in the opinion of the senate, can at all be affected by a temporary delay of the appointment.

We feel ourselves therefore impelled, from a regard to the best interests of this state, as well from every principle of respect for the absent members of this house, to reject your proposition for going into the appointment to-morrow, but would propose, with the concurrence of your honorable body to proceed to the said appointment on Wednesday next at 12 o'clock.

By Order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. F. Kennedy presents a petition from Jacob Christ, of Washington county, a foreigner, praying he may hold real property; read and referred to Messrs. T. Kennedy, Keller and Drury. The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1822.

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

Mr. Teackle presents a petition from Richard Waller, and others, securities of William S. Handy, praying to be released from the interest on the debt due by them to the state; read and referred to Messrs. Teackle, Jones and Dennis.

The chair announced Messrs. J. P. Kennedy, Thomas, Johnson, Edelen, Ireland, Dennis and Pratt, as the committee appointed to enquire into the manner in which justice is administered in the courts of law and equity throughout the state.

Mr. Stone presents a petition from George Bucklar, of Saint Mary's county, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Stone, Maddox and George Leigh.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from Priscilla Pocock, of Anne Arundel county, praying for a divorce; read and referred to Messrs. Howard, Linthicum and Estep.

On motion by Mr. Allen, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to alter and amend the constitution, so that members of the senate may hereafter be elected by the people. Ordered, that Messrs. Allen, Gerry and Worthington, report the same.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the treasurer of the eastern shore; read and referred to the committee of claims.

On motion by Mr. Allen, the following order was read:

Ordered, That the substance of every petition be endorsed thereon before it be handed to the speaker, or announced by him to the house, and that the speaker is at liberty to refuse to receive any petition previous to such endorsement.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, the question was put, that the whole of the same, from the word "ordered," be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Millard presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, respecting the trespassing of stock, and praying for a summary mode of ascertaining damages sustained thereby; read and referred to Messrs. Millard, Wright, Worthington, Stone and George Leigh.

On motion by Mr. Millard, Ordered, that a committee of three be named by the chair to enquire into and report what laws will expire with the present session.

The speaker appointed Messrs. Millard, Franklin and Gerry, to be the said committee.

Mr. Chauncey presents a petition from William Simmons, of Harford county, an old soldier; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Purviance presents a petition from John Croxall, of the city of Baltimore, praying an alteration in the present division of districts for the inspection of fire wood in said city; read and referred to Messrs. Purviance, J. P. Kennedy and Norris.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1822.

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

Elisha W. Williams and Archibald Lee, Esquires, delegates returned for Montgomery county, appeared, qualified, and took their seats.