

Also a petition from John W. Steinmetz, of Washington county, praying for the confirmation of a deed; referred to Messrs. Merrick, Fouke and White

Mr. Cromwell presents a petition from certain citizens of Frederick Town, praying for a law to incorporate a company, for the purpose of introducing a supply of water into said town; referred to Messrs. Cromwell, Kemp and Barnes

Mr. Gough presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Saint-Marv's county, praying a sum may be levied, for the repairs of the court house; referred to Messrs. Gough, Millard and Hawkins.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from sundry manufacturers of piece goods, praying that the justices of the peace may be empowered to try replevins in certain cases; referred to Messrs. Tyson, Howard, Edelen, Hopper and Eccleston.

On motion by Mr. Speed, Ordered, That the committee of claims be instructed to contract upon the best terms, for the printing required by the legislature during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, Ordered, That a committee to consist of nine members, be appointed by the chair, to consider upon and devise, some efficient and practicable plan to relieve the pecuniary distresses of the people, and to ameliorate the various interests of the state, by stimulating industry, and bringing its dormant and paralyzed resources into full activity and beneficial operation, having due regard to the just rights of all parties, to the security of the public, and to the constitution of the federal government. Ordered, That Messrs. Teackle, M. Mahon, Hope, Beall, Ewing, Chapman, Hopper, Millard and Merrick, be said committee

On motion by Mr. Worthington, Ordered, That a committee of three be named by the chair, to enquire what laws will expire with the present session. Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Montgomery and Wilson, be the said committee

On motion by Mr. Thomas, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to withdraw the funds from the several colleges and academies in this state, and subject the same to the appropriation of the legislature?

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

Affirmative—Harris, M. Clean, Parran, Showers, Worthington, Price, Turner, Spencer, Dennis, Sullivan, Thomas, Ewing, Grubb, Speed, Hopper, Roberts, Nicholson, Wright, Williams, Tingle, Parker, Hooper, Hope, Norris, Jarrett, Montgomery, Brown, Boon, Howard, Tyson, Beall, Lee, Lansdale, Klipstine—34.

Negative—Speaker, Hawkins, Gough, Kilgour, Millard, Gantt, Beckett, Dalrymple, Weems, John Edelen, Chapman, Rogerson, Garner, Bennett, Lloyd, Teackle, King, Eccleston, Travers, Henderson, R. Edelen, Peach, Wootton, Carroll, Barnes, Cromwell, Barwick, Fouke, White, Merrick, Wilson, M. Mahon—32.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Messrs. Thomas, Jarrett, Roberts, Tyson and Howard, report the same.

Mr. Merrick obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Matthew Fullarton Lind and Robert Smith Lind, of Washington county. Ordered, That Messrs. Merrick, White and Fouke, report the same. Mr. Merrick reports said bill; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate

Mr. Hooper presents a petition from Mary Adkins, of Worcester county, praying for support; referred to Messrs. Hooper, Parker and Williams.

Mr. Showers presents a petition from John Staup, praying for a law to change his name to Murray; referred to Messrs. Showers, Turner and Worthington

Mr. Garner obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to prevent fraudulent conveyances, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Garner, Raphael Edelen and Chapman, report the same

Mr. Worthington reports a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly of this state, and for other purposes

Mr. Wright obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act authorising gates to be kept on the public roads in Queen-Anne's county. Ordered, That Messrs. Wright, Nicholson and Roberts, report the same.

Mr. Chapman obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons. Ordered, That Messrs. Chapman, Merrick, Tingle, Wright and M. Mahon, report the same.

Mr. Speed obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act requiring the several colleges, academies and public schools of Maryland, which have been endowed by, and are in the receipt of regular appropriations from the state, to make an annual report of the state of their finances, government, &c. to the general assembly. Ordered, That Messrs. Speed, M. Mahon and Roberts, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Howard, the following message was read, assented to and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 9, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate.

Understanding that it is the intention of General La Fayette to visit the seat of government of the State of Maryland, at some period of the ensuing week, we respectfully propose to your honourable body the appointment of a joint committee to take the subject into consideration and report thereon. This state having at a very early period, passed an act to naturalise this distinguished and valuable friend of our country, it would seem proper for the legislature not to pass over in silence, a visit paid under such auspicious circumstances as now exist. The committee will, however, take the whole matter into consideration, and report the most adviseable measures to be adopted. We have appointed on our part Messrs. Howard, Carroll, John Edelen, Lee, Beckett, Hopper and Speed, to confer with such gentlemen as you may be pleased to name.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

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