

On motion by Mr. Parran, the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for completing an Episcopal church in Baltimore county, was referred to the 1st of June next.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, the bill to authorise the congregation of the German Reformed Church in Middletown, in Frederick county, to raise a sum of money by lottery to defray the expenses, in part, of building their church in said town, was referred to the 1st of June next.

On motion by Mr. Norris, the bill to authorise a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, in Allegany county, and the bill for the benefit of the First Independent Church of Baltimore, were referred to the next general assembly.

Mr. Lee informs the house that the sergeant at arms has paid over to the committee of claims, the unapplied balance in his hands for newspapers last session.

Mr. Lee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the negotiation with the legislature of Pennsylvania, upon the subject of absconding slaves, have given to it due consideration, and beg leave to report, That it appears from the votes and proceedings of 1822, a correspondence was held by a joint committee of the two branches of the legislature, with a committee appointed on the part of the legislature of Pennsylvania, in which the injuries suffered by the citizens of this state, were fully set forth, and a forcible appeal to the justice of our sister state made, to which appeal a courteous reply was received. Believing, as your committee do, that a deputation, empowered by the legislature to press in person upon the legislature of Pennsylvania, such legislative provisions as shall be deemed satisfactory, will be likely to preclude the recurrence of the evils now complained of, they respectfully recommend, that a committee be appointed on the part of the two branches of the legislature, to proceed "forthwith" to Harrisburg, "with such instructions as the legislature may think proper to give them upon this subject," and to report the result of their proceedings to the legislature, as soon as may be.

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Clk.

Which was twice read.

On motion by Mr. Howard, the words "with such instructions as the legislature may think proper to give them upon the subject," was stricken out.

Mr. Teackle moved to strike out the word "forthwith," and insert "immediately after the final adjournment of the legislature." Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house concur with the same? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Gough obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, passed at December session, 1816, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in St. Mary's county. Ordered, that Messrs. Gough, Hawkins and Kilgour, report the same:

Mr. Maxcy delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of George Howard, of Brice, and the counter memorial of Benjamin H. Mulliken, beg leave to report, that they have examined said petition and counter memorial, together with documents furnished by the said parties: One of those documents was a record of a trial between said parties, in which exception is taken to an opinion of the court. It being doubtful, whether an appeal will lie in such a case, the committee recommend the passage of the law herewith reported.

By order,

I. HINES, Clk.

And a bill, entitled, An act giving a right of appeal in a case therein mentioned. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on Thursday next.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from Alexander Nisbet, administrator de bonis non of Thomas Cockey Deye; referred to Messrs. Howard, Price and M. Mahon.

Mr. Teackle delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the resolutions approving of the administration of James Monroe, President of the United States, report the same, amended as follows:

By the House of Delegates, Feb. 4, 1825.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland. That they highly appreciate the long and faithful services of James Monroe, President of the United States.

Resolved, That his wise, impartial and dignified administration of the general government, has justly entitled him to the approbation and affectionate regard of the good people of the union.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor, be requested to communicate to the President the foregoing resolutions and to express to him, on behalf of the citizens of Maryland, the ardent wishes of this general assembly, that in retirement, he may live to enjoy every domestic blessing, and the highest reward of patriotism, in the esteem and gratitude of his countrymen.

On motion by Mr. Maxcy the following resolutions were read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 5, 1825.

Whereas it is understood by this general assembly, that a proposition has been made in congress, so to alter the constitution of the United States in relation to the election of the president and vice-president of the United States, that each state shall be divided into a number of districts, equal to the number of electors to which it is entitled, and that the voters in each of such districts shall meet on a day, which shall be the same in all the states, and then vote, by ballot, for one person to be president, and for another to be vice-president, and also for one other to be an elector; that the persons having severally the greatest number of votes as president, vice-president, and electors, shall be considered as entitled to the vote of such district for the said offices respectively—that certificates of the whole number of votes for each candidate shall be forwarded to the president of the senate, who, in the presence of the house of representatives, shall open all the certificates, and the votes shall then be counted, each district being entitled to one vote, and the person having the greatest number of such votes for president, shall be the president, if such number be a majority of the whole number of districts within the United States; and if no person have such majority, then the president of the senate shall, by proclamation, declare such to be the fact, and shall also declare the names of the two persons having the greatest number of votes for president,