

and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Du Val presented petitions from William Denoon and Thomas Harvey, of Prince George's county, each praying relief; severally referred to Messrs. Du Val, Gantt and Peack.

On motion by Mr. Millard, Ordered, That the speaker appoint a standing committee to consider and report on all applications for pecuniary relief. The speaker accordingly appointed Messrs. Wilmer, Stewart, Denny, Turner, Wright, Ridgeway and Shaw.

Mr. Nicholson presented a petition from Hannah Gregory; Mr. Du Val presented a petition from David Duvall, and Mr. Salsbury presented a petition from Jesse Cox; which were severally referred to the standing committee on applications for pecuniary relief.

Mr. Tyson presented a petition from James H. McCulloh, and others, trustees of the third Presbyterian church, praying for a lottery; referred to the standing committee on lotteries.

The clerk of the senate delivered the following message:

By the Senate, December 28, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.

The senate propose an interchange of services between the Reverend Doctor Blanchard, who is appointed to perform divine service in the senate, and the Reverend gentleman appointed by your house.

By order,

Wm. Kilty, Clk.

Which was read.

And the resolution in respect to Jefferson and Atlams, endorsed "unanimously assented to."

On motion by Mr. Thompson, Mr. J. W. Thomas had leave of absence.

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

By the House of Delegates, December 28, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We assent with great pleasure to your proposition for an interchange of services between the Rev. Chaplains of the two houses.

By order,

John Brewer, Clk.

Sundry reports from the judges of elections in several of the counties of this state, of the number of votes taken therein, respectively, for and against the act providing for the public instruction of youth in primary schools, were laid before the house, and severally referred to the standing committee on public instruction appointed yesterday.

Mr. Goldsborough presented petitions from Nehemiah Beckwith, and Mary Moore; Mr. Stricker presented one from Jacob Oldham; Mr. Duvall presented one from Mountjoy Bailey; Mr. Farquhar presented one from Benjamin Fickle; and Mr. Bishop presented one from Walter Pruitt; which were severally referred to the standing committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Goldsborough presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying for the removal of obstructions to the navigation of rivers therein mentioned; referred to Messrs. Goldsborough, Wright and Raleigh.