

M O N D A Y, December 12, 1791.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except the honourable speaker, Mr. Ratcliff, Mr. Gibson, Mr. T. Harwood, Mr. Lowes, Mr. Gantt, junior, Mr. T. Ringgold, Mr. Clark and Mr. Bowie.

The house proceeded to ballot for a speaker, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot-box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time reported, that the honourable Jeremiah Crabb, Esquire, was elected.

The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. J. Ringgold and Mr. Wilkinfon appeared in the house.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill respecting Mr. de la Fayette. ORDERED, That Mr. Wright, Mr. Craik and Mr. Goldsborough, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A letter from the honourable Levin Winder, late speaker, apologising for absenting himself without leave, was read, and accepted.

The bill to make better provision for the appointment and qualification of constables, and for other purposes, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government. ORDERED, That Mr. Lecompte, Mr. Seney and Mr. Wright, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance to the members of the general assembly to defray the expence of their attendance. ORDERED, That Mr. Chapman, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Lecompte, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from George Ireland, of Calvert county, late an officer in the Maryland line, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to the next session of assembly.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts. ORDERED, That Mr. Craik, Mr. Wright and Mr. Duvall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, and for the regulation of the said elections, and also to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Craik, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Chesley, Mr. Wright, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Key and Mr. Goldsborough, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill for the benefit of William Wirt, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Beall has leave of absence.

On the second reading of the report on the petition of fundry inhabitants of Sassafras Neck, the question was put, That the house concur with the first clause in the said report? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house concur with the last clause in said report? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. N. Worthington, appeared as follow:

## A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	J. Ringgold,	Waggaman,	Oldham,	O'Bryon,	Beatty,	Whitely,	
	Comegys,	Milder,	T. Marshall,	Dennis,	Prall,	Ott,	
	Ridgely, of Wm.	R. Bond,	Seney,	Holland,	Love,	Swearingen,	
	Cockey,	Hollingsworth,	Wright,	Key,	Wilfon,	Cresap.	25.
	Kerr,						

## N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Carroll,	N. Worthington,	M'Pherson,	Eccleston,	J. P. Marshall,	Deakins,	
	Thomas,	Wilkinfon,	Chapman,	T. Gantt,	Douglass,	Tomlinson,	
	Hewell,	Chesley,	Denwood,	Duvall,	Loockerman,	Jacob.	23.
	J. Worthington,	Hawkins,	Goldsborough,	Barnes,	Oneale,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the report of the commissioners appointed to contract for the purchase of the Indian Lands in Dorchester county, report, that they are of opinion that the facts therein stated are true, and do therefore recommend the passage of a law to appoint a trustee or trustees to rent the said lands, to distribute the money arising therefrom more equally among the Indians now in possession of the lands, and vested with powers equal to the prevention of any waste on said lands in future.-- All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Wright, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act respecting Mr. de la Fayette; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the report of the commissioners appointed to contract for the purchase of Indian Lands in Dorchester county, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

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