

On motion by Mr. Lee, Ordered, That the committee on grievances and courts of justice do report to this house as soon as practicable, the expediency of abolishing the present system of orphans courts, and provide such substitute as in their opinion may be judicious.

Mr. Douglas of Dorchester, asked for and obtained leave of the house to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to fix the compensation of the judges and clerks of elections, in and for Dorchester county. Messrs. Douglas of Dorchester, Lake, and Williams of Dorchester, were appointed a committee to prepare and report the bill.

On motion by Mr. Mackey, Ordered, That the official returns and authentic certificates heretofore transmitted to the Chancellor and the Executive department, and which have since been communicated for the examination and decision of this house in relation to the election of delegates to the present general assembly, be referred to the committee on elections and privileges.

On motion by Mr. Mackey, the resolution submitted by him yesterday providing for the payment of the members and officers of the present general assembly, was, by a special order, taken up for consideration, read the second time, agreed to, and sent to the senate for concurrence.

The bills reported by Mr. Douglas, of Dorchester, the one, entitled, An act to confirm the name of Lufkin Tall Traverse, alias Lufkin Tall, of Dorchester county; and the other, entitled, An act to repeal the act, entitled, An act to exempt the servants of overseers of the county roads in Dorchester county from doing duty on said roads, passed December session eighteen hundred and twenty-six, chapter ten, were severally read the second time, passed without amendment, and sent to the senate for concurrence.

Bills of the following titles were this day severally reported:

By Mr. Hope, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments, passed December session eighteen hundred and eighteen, chapter one hundred and fifty seven.

By Mr. Linthicum, An act to make public a road therein mentioned

By Mr. Teackle, An act to authorise the levy court of Somerset county to contract for the removal of certain obstructions in Monokin river and its several branches, and to levy the expenses thereof upon the said county. And,

An act for the relief of William Robertson, of Somerset county.

Which said bills were severally read the first time, and ordered to lie upon the table.

The clerk of the senate returned the resolution providing for the payment of the members and officers of the present general assembly, endorsed, "assented to." Whereupon, it was ordered, that the said resolution be engrossed.