

their consideration. They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their respective petitions.

All which is respectfully submitted,

By order, George A. Farquhar, Com. Clk.

On motion by Mr. Mackey, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act regulating the service of process by constables, was made the order of the day for Monday next, the third instant.

On motion by Mr. Banning, the following was adopted as an additional rule of the house, viz.

That no bill or resolution shall be allowed to originate in either house, on the two days next preceding the day of closing the session of the legislature.

Mr. Banning then offered the following message for consideration.

By the House of Delegates, 1st March, 1828.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message proposing a joint rule of the legislative proceedings, that no bill or resolution shall be allowed to originate in either house, on the two days next preceding the day of closing the session of the legislature, and concur in the propriety of adopting such rule, and a rule to that effect has been adopted by this house, and ask your concurrence therein.

Believing that all business of importance can be disposed of, by Saturday the 8th day of March instant, we propose with the concurrence of your honourable body, to close the session on that day.

Which being twice read, On motion by Mr. Martin, the question was taken, That the words "Saturday the eighth," be stricken out of the proposed message, and the words, "Monday the third," be substituted therefor, as the day to be fixed for the close of the present session?" And it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Stevens then moved, that the words, "Saturday the eighth," be stricken out of the proposed message, and the words, "Thursday the sixth," be substituted therefor, as the day to be fixed for the close of the present session. When,

Mr. Thomas, of Cecil, moved, That the proposed message be laid on the table? And the question thereon being taken, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays, being required by seven members, were taken and appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Gough
Comegys
Boon
Linthicum
Parran
Rogerson
Turner
Shower

Gantt
Watkins
Ridgaway
Hitch
Powell
Kemp
Shriver
Hope