

mode of granting divorces and of ascertaining the nullity of marriages

Mr. Hope reported a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for making certain roads in Baltimore and Harford counties, passed at December session, 1815, chapter 48.

Mr. Smithson reported a bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of the real and personal property in Harford county.

Mr. Wright of Dorchester, reported a bill, entitled, An act to alter and amend the constitution and form of government of this state, so far as relates to filling vacancies in the house of delegates.

Mr. Wright of Dorchester, also reported a bill, entitled, An act to repeal all that part of the constitution and form of government, as relates to the division of Dorchester county into seven separate election districts.

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

Mr. Hawkins from the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report:

The committee on elections and privileges, to whom was referred the order submitted to them by the house, in reference to the election for Cecil county, report—That they have received communication from Thomas S. Thomas, esquire, one of the gentlemen returned by the judges of the election as having an equal number of votes with William D. Mercer, esquire, in which he withdraws all opposition to said return; they therefore beg leave to return said order, and recommend its passage.

The committee beg leave further to report, that they have had under their consideration the certificate of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Annapolis; from which it appears, that Richard J. Crabb and John N. Watkins, esquires, received the greatest number of legal votes. They have also considered the memorial of Thomas Anderson, esquire, contesting the seat of John N. Watkins, esquire, and as there has been no evidence presented to the committee to sustain the allegations set forth in said memorial, they beg leave to return it to the house, that they may take such order thereon as they shall deem proper.

All which is respectfully submitted.

John T. Hawkins, Chairman.

By order,

Benjamin Seegar, Clk.

Which was twice read, and so much thereof as relates to the election in Cecil county, was concurred in by the house; and, on motion by Mr. Watkins, the said report, so far as it respects the election in the city of Annapolis, was ordered to lie on the table.

The preamble and order, submitted by Mr. Buskirk, on the 3d instant, referred to in the above report of the committee on elections and privileges, was then taken up for consideration, again read, and adopted by the house.