

A petition from John Spence, of Baltimore-town, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Pattison has leave of absence for five days.

The following question being propounded to the house, agreeably to the order of the day, viz. On the second reading the report of the committee of elections and privileges, **RESOLVED**, That Jacob Norris having resigned his commission of colonel before the polls were opened, and having a sufficient number of legal votes after his resignation, is entitled to a seat in this house; the previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? Resolved in the affirmative.

The main question was then put. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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Messrs.	Brogden, Hall, Brome,	Sprigg, Chapman, Worthington,	Harwood, Johnson, Campbell,	Hollingsworth, Wallace, Brown,	C. Frazier, Whittington,	Prall, Montgomery. 16.
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Messieurs	Hopewell, Neale, Spencer, Barroll, Buchanan, Wilmer, Ridout, J. C. Thomas,	Emerson, Bourne, Digges, Merryman, Ridgely, Sherwood, Lamdin, Jones,	Handy, Wilkins, Goldsbrough, Miller, Savin, Duckett, Calvert, Baker,	Quynn, Key, Butcher, Robins, Corbin, Wilson, Brother, Quynn, jun.	Shriver, Jarrett, Bennett, Young, M'Mechen, Cellar, Bowles, M'Clain,	Douglafs, Reintzel, Swearingen, Oneale, Luckett, J. C. Beatty, Clarke, Tomlinson. 48.

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion, **ORDERED**, That the speaker inform Jacob Norris, Esquire, a delegate returned for Harford county, that this house dispense with his further attendance, inasmuch as no sufficient evidence has been offered on the part of the said Jacob Norris, to satisfy this house that the said Jacob Norris had made a bona fide resignation of his commission as a lieutenant-colonel previous to his election as a delegate. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the speaker issue his warrant of election to the sheriff of Harford county, to elect a delegate to supply the place of Jacob Norris, Esquire, whose seat is vacated; which issued accordingly.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Emory, of Talbot county, examiner for the eastern shore, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the land-office for that shore not having come into full operation, as yet affords but a trifling compensation to the officers constituted in pursuance of the act which establishes the land-office for that shore, and your committee submit the propriety of referring the said petition to the consideration of the next general assembly, who will be more competent to determine the merits of the petitioner's application. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

S. LUCKETT, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

Mr. Key, from the committee of conference, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE conferrees on the part of this house appointed to meet the conferrees of the senate on the subject of the governor's letter, report, that they have agreed upon the following answer thereto, and submit the propriety of the annexed resolution.

RESOLVED, That the speaker be requested, in conjunction with the president of the senate, to forward the said answer to his excellency the governor.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

The **JOINT ANSWER** of the **SENATE** and **HOUSE** of **DELEGATES** to the **GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS**.

WE have received, with particular satisfaction, your excellency's address of the 16th instant. Although not sanctioned by precedent, or enjoined by the constitution, such communications have certainly their use; and we wish that future governors may follow the laudable example, whenever they may deem it expedient to submit to the legislature such matters as they shall judge deserving its attention.

We cordially approve your sentiments respecting the general government, and rejoice most sincerely in that public felicity you have so truly depicted, the effect, in a great measure, of that government,