

Severally read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Buskirk,

Leave was granted to the committee on Internal Improvements to bring in a bill to provide for the repair and preservation of that part of the National Road located within the limits of the town of Cumberland.

Mr. Starr submitted the following order :

Ordered, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill reducing the number of Delegates in this House, by dividing the entire federal population of the State by the number of the present House of Delegates, and assuming the product as the ratio of representation ; so that each county having a population in federal numbers equal to the ratio, and not twice that number, shall be entitled to one representative; each county having twice and not three times the number of the said ratio, two representatives ; each county having three times and not four times the number of the said ratio, three representatives, and so on progressively increasing ; Baltimore city to be entitled to as many representatives as the largest county.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the said order be laid on the table.

Mr. Starr then moved to suspend the rule to take up the said order, but the House refused to suspend the rules.

On motion of Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be requested to report to this House the annual expenses of the Legislature, from 1827 to 1841 inclusive.

On motion of Mr. Welsh,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Welsh, Graves, Starr, Risteau and Randall, to bring in a bill to repeal a supplement to an act to authorise the appointment of justices of the peace in the city of Baltimore, with limited jurisdiction, passed at December session 1825, chapter 189.

Mr. Sherwood of Talbot, submitted the following resolution :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the chief clerks address a joint letter to the Banks in this State, to which directors have been elected by the Legislature, notifying them of said Directors election ;

Which was read, assented to and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Buskirk, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvement, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act supplementary to an act for the preservation and repair of that part of the U. S. road and within the limits of the State of Maryland, reported the same with the following amendments :

Amendments proposed.

Strike out in the first section, third line, the word "third" and insert the word "half."