

In times like the present, and so immediately after a great political revolution, in which the sentiments and characters of men who mingle in the duties of patriotism, have been brought to the touchstone of the people's scrutiny, I ought indeed to be profoundly grateful for the confidence and respect implied by this act of the General Assembly.

In deciding on an acceptance of this high trust, I am deeply impressed with the responsibility I assume; but I can at least promise to discharge the duties it may impose with diligence and fidelity.

So soon as previous indispensable engagements, and the necessary arrangements for leaving the Shore will permit, I will repair to Washington.

Be pleased to receive, gentlemen, for yourselves, the assurances of my high consideration and respect.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

John Leeds Kerr.

To the Hon. Richard Thomas,
President of the Senate, and

The Hon. Charles Sterret Ridgely,
Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland.

Which was read.

Mr. Randall obtained leave to introduce a supplement to an act, entitled, an act regulating damages in cases of suits for trespasses done by stock, so far as relates to Baltimore county, passed December session 1837, chapter 287;

Ordered, That Messrs. Randall, Poutney, Orrick, Welsh, of Baltimore and Holmes report the same.

Mr. Tuck asked and obtained the following leave:

"Leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act for the more speedy trial of causes, in the Court of Appeals of Maryland;

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. Tall,

Ordered, That he have leave to withdraw from the files of the house, the memorial and accompanying papers of John Parvin and others, witnesses on the trial of William Stewart, for the murder of his father Benjamin Stewart.

Mr. Maxwell obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to provide for the appointment of wood corder in the town of Port Deposit, in Cecil county;

Ordered, That Messrs. Maxwell, Morton, and Simcoe, report the same.

Mr. Sutton reported a bill, entitled, an act to alter and amend the Constitution and form of Government, so as to provide for the election of county clerks and registers of wills, immediately by the people;

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.