

On motion of Mr. Dashiell,
 Leave was granted to Messrs. Dashiell, Johnson and Carmichael to bring in a bill to allow an appeal to the county court in all cases within the jurisdiction of a single magistrate, and to repeal the acts of assembly to the contrary.

Mr. Duke submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on the constitution enquire into the expediency of reducing the number of the judges of the judiciary, and the mode of appointing the same, and to report by bill or otherwise;

Which was read.

Mr. Spencer moved the following as a substitute for said order:

Ordered, That the committee on the judiciary, hereafter to be appointed, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the present judiciary system, and establishing a system of greater economy to the State, and that said committee be further instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Court of Appeals having no connection with the county courts, and county courts consisting of a single judge.

Which was read.

On the question being put, Will the house adopt the substitute?
 Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the original order, and being put, was

Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Presstman,

Leave was granted to the committee on colored population, to be hereafter appointed, to bring in a bill entitled, an act for the better government of the free colored population of this State; and for the protection and perpetuation of negro slavery therein.

Mr. Graves asked the following leave:

Leave to bring in a bill to amend the act (ch. 30—Extra session, 1841,) for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and also the act (ch. 47—Extra session, 1841,) to authorise the Tide Water Canal Company to issue toll notes.

Which was granted, and referred to the committee already raised on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan,

Ordered, That the Governor be requested to furnish this house with the accounts of Jeremiah Hughes, for printing the journal and documents of last session, and with any other papers or information in the State Department, which will show whether the said Hughes has faithfully complied with his contract as public printer for the last year.

On motion of Mr. Carmichael,

Leave was granted to the committee on grievances and courts of justice, to be hereafter appointed, to bring in a bill to extend the right of challenge to criminal cases, the punishment whereof may be confinement in the Penitentiary.

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