

The Speaker appointed Mr. Boyle, chairman of the committee on Lotteries; and Mr. Johns, chairman of the committee on Divorces, in the place of the gentlemen excused.

The Secretary of State delivered the following message from the Executive:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

January 1, 1842.

*To the Senate and*

*House of Delegates:*

I send herewith the resolutions of the Legislature of Maine, in relation to the eligibility of the President of the United States, for a second term; resolutions of the Legislature of Connecticut on the same subject; resolutions of the same State, in relation to a protective tariff; resolutions of the Legislature of Rhode Island in favor of a protective tariff, and of restricting the eligibility of the President of the United States to one term; and resolutions of the Legislature of Massachusetts, in relation to the presidential term, to the north-eastern boundary, to the public lands, and to the revenue laws of the United States.

WM. GRASON.

The resolutions relating to the ineligibility of the President of the United States for a second term, were laid on the table.

And the resolutions relating to a protective tariff were referred to the committee already raised on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Johns,

Leave was granted to the committee on the Constitution, to bring in a bill entitled, an act to alter and amend the Constitution, so as to provide for the election of county clerks, and registers of wills, more directly by the people.

On motion of Mr. Johns,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Johns, Sutton of Harford, Hope and Bouldin, to bring in a bill to make valid a deed from Nancy McClaskey of Pennsylvania, to Paul McClaskey of Harford county.

On motion of Mr. Grove,

Ordered, That the committee on elections inquire if the late census of the State of Maryland, has been officially promulgated, and if so, report to this House at the earliest practicable day.

Mr. Cathell submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on Claims cause a diary to be kept, showing the number of days each member of the present Legislature does attend, and that no member, or clerk, be allowed any per diem for any day that he is not in attendance, except prevented by indisposition in the city of Annapolis;

Which was read.

Mr. Geyer moved to reject said order;

On the question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The rule being suspended,