

Mr. McKaig, obtained leave to bring in a bill, giving further time to Thomas Dowden, late Sheriff of Allegany county, to collect his fees,

Ordered, that Messrs, McKaig, Fitzpatrick, Smith and Hammill, report the same.

On motion of Mr. Lynch,

Leave was granted to the committee on Ways and Means, to report a bill, reducing the salaries of all officers, paid out of the State Treasury; except salaries fixed by the Constitution.

Mr. Weber, submitted the following order, which was twice read and adopted.

Ordered, that the committee on Public Printing, hereafter to be appointed, and the clerk of the House for the present, be and they are hereby directed, in making contracts for the printing of this House to stipulate in express terms, that the documents shall be printed, without title pages—and that the yeas and nays shall be printed in paragraphs;

The Clerk of the Senate, delivered the following message:

*By the Senate.*

*December 26th 1843.*

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.*

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee, to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the General Assembly are prepared to receive any communication which he may be pleased to make, and concur therein.

We have appointed Messrs. Ely and Bowie, to join the gentlemen named by your honorable body.

By order

Jos. H. Nicholson, Clk.

Which was read.

And delivered a report from the Clerk of Charles county, relative to the attendance of the judges;

Which was read, and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Also a report from said clerk, relative to the several sums of money paid by him in the treasury of the State;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means, hereafter to be appointed.

Thomas Watkins Ligon, Esq. a delegate returned for Anne Arundel county, appeared, qualified and took his seat.

Messrs. Seemes and Stewart, the gentlemen from the joint committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the House was ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make, informed the House that they had performed that duty, and that the Governor stated, that it gave him great pleasure to meet the Representatives of the people once more, and that he would make a communication this day at 12 o'clock.