

immediately by the people asked to be discharged, from the further consideration thereof;

Which was twice read and concurred in.

Mr. Yellott, chairman of the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to which was referred the order of the House, to enquire into the expediency of appointing some competent persons to digest and abridge the laws of Maryland, reported unfavorably thereon;

Which was twice read and concurred in.

Mr. Yellott chairman of the same committee made an unfavorable report upon the petition of John Allen, of Caroline county, praying for an act for the purpose of enabling him as executor of Job Allen deceased, to sell the real estate of said deceased;

Which was twice read and concurred in.

Mr. Yellott chairman of the same committee to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, an act relating to courts of chancery, reported favorably thereon.

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

Mr. Cathell chairman of the select committee to which was re-committed the bill entitled, an act to reduce the number of members in the House of Delegates, reported the same without amendment;

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

On motion of Mr. Waters, of Somerset,

(Seconded by two other members that voted in the majority,) the House reconsidered their vote upon the petition of John Allen, of Caroline county, praying for an act to enable him to sell the real estate of Job Allen, deceased.

On motion of Mr. Waters of Somerset,

Said petition was referred again to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Leave was granted Messrs. Johnson, Murray, Warfield, Thomas, of A. A., and Ligon, to bring in a bill to change the place of holding the elections in the first election district, of Anne Arundel county.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication:

*To the President of the Senate, and  
Speaker of the House of Delegates, of Maryland.*

Gentlemen:—I beg leave respectfully to decline the appointment of Director on the part of the State, in the Mechanics' Bank, which has been so kindly tendered to me by the Legislature.

Be pleased to make known to the bodies over which you preside, my determination in this matter.

I am with great regard

Your obedient servant,

W. H. GATCHELL.

Baltimore, January 2nd, 1844.

Which was read.