

On motion of Mr. Ligon,

The House took up for consideration the bill reported by him, entitled, an act to change the Constitution and Form of Government of this State, as to change Howard District of Anne Arundel county, into a county to be called Howard county.

On motion of Mr. Ligon,

Said bill was made the order of the day for Tuesday next the 23rd instant.

Mr. Powder submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the Treasurer report to this House, as soon as practicable, how many cents in the hundred dollars it will take, to discharge or pay the interest now due on the State debt, upon the present assessable property of the State, for the purpose of more fully showing to the people of this State their indebtedness.

Which was read.

Mr. Yellott rose to a point of order, that the order submitted by Mr. Powder, being identical with the order submitted by Mr. Poultney on yesterday, and not agreed to by the House, was not in order.

The chair was of opinion and so decided the order to be the same in substance, and therefore out of order.

From which decision Mr. Powder appealed.

On motion of Mr. Naill,

The House was called and the doorkeeper sent for the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

The House proceeded with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the doorkeeper.

On motion of Mr. Poultney,

Leave was granted Messrs. Poultney, Levering, Naill, Stewart and Causin, to bring in a bill to repeal the restrictions in the present laws on the subject of usury.

On motion of Mr. Welsh,

Leave was granted Messrs. Welsh, Walker and Poultney, to bring in a bill to allow William Frush, late collector of tax in Baltimore county, further time to complete his collections.

On motion of Mr. McKaig,

Ordered, That the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, inquire into the propriety of reporting a bill providing for uniformity in the laws for the collection of small debts, in the several counties in this State, Baltimore city and Howard District.

Mr. Johnson chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act for the general valuation and assessment of property, in this State, and to provide a tax to pay the debts of the State, passed at March session 1841, chapter 23;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered to be printed.