

Ordered, that the rules of the last House of Delegates be adopted for the regulation and government of the present House of Delegates, and that a sufficient number of copies be printed for the use of the members.

Mr. Causin presented the petition of Stephen H. Gough, sheriff of St. Mary's county, praying that the time for bonding shall be extended;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Causin, Thomas of St. Mary's, and Hopewell.

Mr. Causin also presented the petition of the Grand Jury at August term of St. Mary's county court, praying a modification of the law relative to licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice hereafter to be appointed.

Mr. McKaig presented the petition of Albert Toeler and others, members of the German Union Beneficial Society of Cumberland, praying for an act of incorporation;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. McKaig, Smith, Hammill and Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Phelps having announced the death of his colleague, Doctor Joseph Nicols, submitted the following message, which was read, assented to and sent to the Senate:

*By the House of Delegates,
December 26th, 1843*

Gentlemen of the Senate:

It becomes our melancholy duty to announce to you the death of Dr. Joseph Nicols, member elect to this House from Dorchester county.

By order,

George G. Brewer, Clerk.

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 announcing the intelligence of the death of Dr. Joseph Nicols, a member elect of the House of Delegates from Dorchester county, and we offer to you our condolence upon that most melancholy event.

By order,

Joseph H. Nicholson, Clk.

Which was read.

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

Ordered, that the members and officers of this House, wear crape upon their left arm for thirty days, in token of our respect for the memory of our deceased colleague, Dr. Joseph Nicols, member elect from Dorchester county, and that we do now adjourn until to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.