

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from John Eckstine, of Washington county, praying he may hold real property; referred to Messrs. Merrick, Jacques and Kershner.

Mr. Duvall presents a petition from Charlotte Boswell, of Prince-George's county, praying for support; referred to Messrs. Duvall, Beall, and Barrette.

Mr. Howard presents a memorial from the Maryland Institute for the promotion of the Mechanic Arts, praying to be incorporated; referred to Messrs. Howard, Tyson and Hawkins.

Mr. Kennedy reports a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act passed at December session 1824, entitled, An act for the relief of the Jews in Maryland.

Mr. Teackle reports a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act passed at December session 1824, entitled, An act to alter and repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Somerset county into election districts, and for other purposes.

The following petitions were presented, for revolutionary services: From John Penn by Mr. Edelen; from Conrod Coffroth by Mr. Merrick; and from Samuel Davis by Mr. Tyson; referred to the standing committee.

The following petitions for divorces, were presented and referred to the standing committee, viz. From Charlotte Swartze, and from Ann M. Beatty, by Mr. Merrick; from William Alexander; from Margaret Wolfender; and from Elisha Winn, by Mr. Tyson; and from Nancy Visage, by Mr. Montgomery.

For special acts of insolvency—from Jesse Myers, by Mr. Kershner; and from Jacob Ayres, by Mr. Howard.

Mr. Tyson obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise limited partnerships in the state of Maryland. Ordered, That Messrs. Tyson, Howard, M'Culloh, Merrick and Ridout, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Lee, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

By the House of Delegates, Dec. 29, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose, with your concurrence, that a joint committee, consisting of three members on the part of this house, and two on the part of your honourable body, be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of opening a direct communication with the legislatures of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, upon the subject of absconding slaves, and on the part of this house we have named Messrs. Lee, Goldsborough and Merrick.

By order,

John Brewer, Clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following messages:

By the Senate, Dec. 28, 1825.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message of this date, proposing the appointment of a joint committee to contract for the printing that may be required by the legislature during the present session, and for printing the laws and votes and proceedings for distribution.