

to a supplementary act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, passed at December session 1824, chapter 138.

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

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 9, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

John N. Steele, Esq. of Dorchester county, having been declared to have been duly elected a member of the council to the governor, for the present year, we propose that a joint letter be written by the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of delegates, and forwarded by mail, requesting his attendance, as early as practicable, at the seat of government.

Mr. Potter obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal so much of the act of assembly, passed at December session 1824, requiring the judges of the county courts in the 4th judicial district in Maryland, to set apart certain days for the transaction of chancery business, so far as the same respects Caroline county. Ordered, That Messrs. Potter, Hughlett and Keene, report the same.

Mr. Cockey obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to tax certain officers. Ordered, That Messrs. Cockey, Merrick and Eccleston, report the same.

The resolution relative to the records of Talbot county court, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

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

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 9, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

The governor elect having arrived at the seat of government, we propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, that a joint committee be appointed to wait on him this day, and request his attendance in the senate chamber to qualify according to the constitution and form of government.

We have named Messrs. Duvall and Grubb on the part of this house, to be associated with such gentlemen as may be appointed in the senate.

Mr. Cockey obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Westminster school in Frederick county, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Cockey, Farquhar and Sappington, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough, he was excused from serving on the committee of ways and means, and the speaker appointed Mr. Sewell in his place.

Mr. Stevens obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. Stevens, Hall, Garner, Arnold E. Jones and Williams, report the same.

Mr. Cockey reports a bill, entitled, An act respecting the Union Wool Manufactory.

Mr. Merrick presents a memorial from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying that the constitution may be changed so as that the senate, the county clerks, registers of wills, and the judges of the levy courts, may be elected directly by the people.

On motion by Merrick, Ordered, That so much of said memorial as relates to the election of senators, be referred to the committee appoint-