

authorized to pay to the several members of the present General Assembly, and the officers thereof, or to their respective orders, the several sums of money now due, or that may from time to time, become due to them respectively, and for which they shall obtain certificates from the chairman of the committee on claims of the present house of delegates.

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Buchanan, reported a bill, entitled, an act to confirm an act, entitled, an act to amend the Constitution and form of Government, so far as relates to the division of Allegany county, into election districts, and to establish an additional election district,

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time, passed, and sent to the Senate.

The clerk of the Senate returned the resolution for the payment of the members and officers of the Legislature, endorsed, "assented to," ordered to be engrossed,

And delivered the following message,

By the Senate,

December 29th, 1836.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing an interchange of services between the Rev. Mr. Poisal, who has been appointed to perform divine service in your House, and the Rev. Gentleman appointed by the Senate; and concur therein.

By order,

Jos. H. Nicholson, Cl'k.

Which was read,

On motion of Mr. Alexander, the house took up for consideration the bill reported by him as chairman of the committee on ways and means; entitled, an act to authorise the Treasurer for the Western Shore, to receive such sum or sums of money as shall be awarded to the State of Maryland, under the provisions of the act of Congress, therein mentioned,

On motion of Mr. Ely the house was called and the door-keeper sent for the absent members, who after a short time had elapsed, returned and reported that he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required;

The house then proceeded to consider said bill, entitled, an act to authorise the Treasurer for the Western Shore, to