

make report of their investigation to this House at as early a day as practicable.

Which was twice read.

On the question being put, will the house adopt the substitute; It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the order as offered by Mr. Merrick;

On motion of Mr. Causin, said order was amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“And be it further ordered, that the said committee be instructed to examine into and report the causes of the suspension of specie payments by the Banks, and to report to this house such remedies as in their opinion may tend to effect a permanent guard against any future suspension;”

The said order was then read as amended and adopted.

Messrs. Hopewell and Parker, the committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of the house having convened, were ready to proceed to business, and receive any communication he might be pleased to lay before them, reported that the committee had performed the duties of their appointment, and that the Governor had answered that he would transmit a communication to this house to-day at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Ford submitted the following order,

Ordered, that a special committee, to consist of one member from each county, and one member from each of the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis, be appointed to take into consideration the act entitled, an act to amend the constitution and form of Government of the State of Maryland, passed at December session, 1836, chap. 197, and to report to this house by bill or otherwise.

Which was read.

The Clerk of the Council delivered the following communication from the Executive.

[See pamphlet A.]

Which was read.

Mr. Ford submitted the following order:

Ordered, that five hundred copies of the Governor's message, be printed for the use of this House;

Which was twice read,

Mr. Geyer moved to amend said order, by striking out “five,” and inserting in lieu thereof “one;”

Determined in the negative;

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the order;

Resolved in the affirmative.

The house then resumed the consideration of the order as offered by Mr. Ford, to appoint a special committee to consist of one member from each of the counties and cities of Baltimore and Annapolis, to take into consideration the act, entitled, an act to amend the constitution and form of government of the State of Maryland, passed at December session, 1836, chapter 197;