

Ordered, that the committee on the militia be required to enquire into the expediency and propriety of providing for the militia to be held in readiness, contiguous to the line of the Chesapeak and Ohio Canal, in progress through the counties of Washington and Allegany.

Mr. Simmons submitted the following order:

Ordered, that the speaker appoint a special committee of five to be called the Committee on Public Buildings, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all matters relating to the public buildings and grounds, and report thereon for the action of the house,

Which was twice read and adopted,

In pursuance whereof, the speaker appointed Messrs. Simmons, Kerr, Maulsby, Swann, and Townsend, to compose the committee.

On motion of Mr. Orrick,

Ordered, that the chairman of the committee on claims be requested to report to this house the amount of compensation claimed by the joint committee appointed by the last Legislature to examine into the affairs of the Penitentiary of Maryland, also the amount of compensation due the clerk of said committee.

Mr. Swann submitted the following order.

Ordered, that Joseph I. Speed, Esq. be reappointed State Director on the part of this house, in the bank of Baltimore, for the ensuing year,

Which was twice read.

Mr. Iglehart, moved to amend said order by inserting after the word "ordered" the word, "unanimously,"

Determined in the negative;

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the order, and,

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Causin, gave notice that on Monday next, he should move the following additional rule,

Ordered, that the following be one of the standing rules of this house: At the proper time in the order of business, the speaker shall call on the counties by name in the order in which they are placed on the journal, for the presentation of memorials, petitions, and other papers, and no paper shall be presented by any member after the speaker shall have passed from his county, without a suspension of the rule.

On motion of Mr. Causin,

Ordered, that the resolutions of the General Assembly of Rhode Island, heretofore transmitted to this house, be referred to a special committee of seven, with instructions to report such a response thereto as they may deem becoming and proper in the Legislature of Maryland.

In pursuance whereof, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Causin, Maulsby, Parker, Sprigg, Carroll, Bowie and Gallagher to compose the committee.

The clerk of the Council delivered the following communication from the Executive:

Executive Department,
Annapolis, Dec. 30th, 1837.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

In compliance with your order of yesterday's date, requesting the Governor and Council to furnish you all documents or copies