

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Baltimore county court relative to the attendance of the judges of that court ; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Bowles, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Shick of Washington county. Ordered, That Messrs. Bowles, Schnebly and Hager, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Banning, Ordered, That Messrs. Banning, Bowles and Semmes, be a committee to report such rules as are proper to be observed during the present session.

Mr. Potts delivers a petition from the justices of the levy court of Frederick county, praying that a law may pass authorising them to levy a sum of money on the taxable property in said county, for the purpose of erecting a new gaol ; which was read and referred to Messrs. Potts, Davis and Taney.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of elections and privileges. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported that Messrs. Taney, Dennis, Causin, Driver and R. Dorsey, were elected.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of claims. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Messrs Banning, Hall, Griffith, Davis, Washington, Bowles and Warner, were elected.

Mr. Kell delivers a memorial from the Phoenix Fire insurance Company of Baltimore, praying for an act of incorporation ; which was read and referred to Messrs. Kell, W. Stewart and Warner.

Mr. Lecompte and Mr. H. Hall report to the house that they have waited upon his excellency the governor, who informed them that a communication will be sent to the house at twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Thomas Sellman, Esquire, a delegate from Anne-Arundel county, appeared, qualified and took his seat.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of grievances and courts of justice. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Messrs. Lecompte, Potts, Hambleton, Stoddert and Harrison, were elected.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 4, 1816.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. James Prather, junior, esquire, a delegate from Allegany county ; Littleton Quinton, esquire, a delegate from Worcester county ; and Edward G. Williams, esquire, a delegate from Washington county, appeared, qualified, and took their seats.

On motion by Mr. Banning the following order was read and adopted :

Ordered, That the committee of claims procure a copy of the Maryland Gazette and Maryland Republican for each member of the legislature during the session.

On motion by Mr. Bowles the following order was read and adopted :

Ordered, That the committee of claims procure six copies of the laws and votes and proceedings of December session 1814 and 1815, for the use of the house of delegates.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the trustee of the state, inclosing an account current of funded stock to the 31st of October 1816, inclusive, and an account current of interest received to the same period ; which was read and referred to the committee of claims.

Also a report from the treasurer of the western shore made in obedience to an act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland, and for the extension of the charters of the several banks in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes ; which was read.

Mr. Harryman delivers a petition from Peter Hoffman, and others, of Baltimore county, praying for a road from the paper mill of said Hoffman to the Pennsylvania line, in a direction towards York-town, beginning at a county road near to said paper mill, from thence by said mill to the Pennsylvania line, at or near where a county road crosses leading to York-town, at or near David Rinehart's ; which was read and referred to Messrs. Harryman, Warner and Price.

Also a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that a law may pass authorising the levy court of said county to levy a sum of money for the purpose of building a bridge across the Great Gun Powder Falls near Charles Jessop's mill ; which was read and referred to Messrs Harryman, Warner, Price, W. Stewart and Showers.

Mr. R. Dorsey delivers a petition from Catharine Manaca, of Anne-Arundel county, praying a divorce which was read and referred to Messrs. R. Dorsey, Potts and Bowles.

Mr. Potts delivers a petition from Barney Dean, of Frederick county, praying a divorce ; which was read and referred to Messrs. Potts, R. Dorsey and Bowles.

On motion by Mr. Davis, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to provide for bringing up the records of the orphans court of Frederick county from the 1st of January 1811, to the death of Richard Butler, late register of wills for said county. Ordered, That Messrs. Davis, Potts and Howard, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Harrison, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act respecting the right of challenge in criminal cases. Ordered, That Messrs. Harrison, Hands and Dennis, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Thomas Blackistone, esquire, a delegate from Saint-Mary's county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. Thomas delivers a petition from Thomas Moore of Cecil county, praying that his title to certain property acquired by him before he was naturalized may be confirmed ; which was read and referred to Messrs. Thomas, Beard and Dennis.

Mr. Hambleton delivers petitions from sundry citizens of the eastern shore of Maryland, praying relief relative to the practice of kidnapping free negroes by persons residing in distant states ; which were severally read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Prather delivers a petition from James Tidball, of Allegany county, praying that he may be permitted to remove certain negro slaves from the state of Virginia into this state ; which was read and referred to Messrs. Prather, Ridgely and Taney.

Mr. Driver delivers a petition from Henry Downes, of Caroline county, praying that a law may pass to change the name of Dion Cotner to that of Dion Downes ; which was read and referred to Messrs. Driver, McDonald, and Houston.