

additional delegates from that city to the general assembly. Ordered, That Messrs. Kell, Wilson, Le-compte, Price and W. R. Stewart, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Kell delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising certain alterations in Baltimore county and city court rooms; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the improvement of the Baltimore Museum, endorsed, passed by the senate December 11, 1817. A bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal, all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state, as relate to the division of Washington county into election districts, endorsed, passed by the senate December 9, 1817. And a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Susanna Ireland of the city of Baltimore, endorsed; passed by the senate December 12, 1817; which were severally read.

Mr. Kell delivers a bill, entitled, An act respecting the Susquehanna canal; which was read.

Mr. Gray delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of George G. Simmons; which was read.

Mr. Eccleston delivers the bill, entitled, An act to confirm and make valid the acts and proceedings of William Redding as a justice of the peace for Kent county, as amended; which was read.

Mr. Washington delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Priscilla Nicholls of Montgomery county; which was read.

Mr. Tyson delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Rowe of Cæcil county; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, Ordered, That a committee be appointed to whom shall be referred all petitions for divorces. The speaker, at the request of the house, named Messrs. Wilson, Eccleston, Long, Harrison and Schnebly, as the said committee.

Mr. Wilson at his request was excused from serving on the committee, and Mr. Forrest appointed in his place.

Mr. Sweitzer delivers a petition from Andrew Willis, of Washington county, a revolutionary soldier, praying compensation for his services; which was read and referred to Messrs. Sweitzer, Kennedy and Yates.

Mr. Thomas delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road in Cæcil county; which was read.

Mr. Davis delivers petitions from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, and York and Lancaster counties in the state of Pennsylvania, praying relief relative to the practice of setting of gilling nets; which were severally read and referred to Messrs. Davis, Bradford, Kell, Thomas and Tyson.

Mr. Tyson delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of William Cowan of Cæcil county; which was read.

Mr. Price delivers a petition from the heirs of James Calder, late of Baltimore county, deceased, praying for a law authorising them to make a title in fee to the purchasers of certain lots whereof said Calder died seized; which was read and referred to Messrs. Price, Snowden and Kell.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 12, 1817.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We have received your message relative to the interchange of services by the reverend gentlemen appointed by the two houses for the performance of divine service, and propose that they alternately perform that service in each house.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Hynson, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the education of poor children in Kent, Talbot, Cæcil, Anne Arundel, and Montgomery counties. Ordered, That Messrs. Hynson, Knight and Eccleston, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Blakistone delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising and empowering the levy court of Saint Mary's county to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of Elizabeth West of said county; which was read.

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

SATURDAY, December 13, 1817.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to confirm an act passed at December session eighteen hundred and sixteen, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal, all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the division of Prince-George's county into election districts, and the bill to authorise Elizabeth A. G. Stevenson to retain in this state as a slave a certain negro girl therein mentioned, were sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Causin, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Jenifer until the first of January next.

Mr. Kell delivers a memorial from the president and managers of the several turnpike companies formed under an act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes, praying that they may be authorised to declare their respective dividends on the first Mondays in January and July, instead of May and November; which was read and referred to Messrs. Kell, Johnson and Price.

The bill from the senate, entitled, An act for the benefit of Susanna Ireland of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time by special order, and on motion by Mr. Forrest, the further consideration thereof was postponed until Wednesday next.

Mr. Woodyear delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying for a law authorising the opening of Bottle Alley; which was read and referred to Messrs. Woodyear, Price and Thomas.

The bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned, so far as it relates to Kent county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Kell delivers a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes; which was read.

Mr. Haynie delivers a memorial from Jesse Hughes of Somerset county, praying for a law authorising and directing the register of the land-office of the eastern shore to correct, alter and amend, a certain warrant obtained by Chaplin Conway of said county, and to direct the said register to grant to