

Forrest, Esquire, a delegate returned for Montgomery county, appeared, qualified, and took their seats. On motion by Mr. Barney, Ordered, That he be excused from the committee appointed to bring in a bill to enlarge the powers of the levy court of Baltimore county, and that Mr. Showers be added to the same.

The speaker laid before the house a return from the clerks of Allegany, Dorchester, Saint Mary's, and Baltimore counties, relative to the attendance of judges; which were read.

Mr. J. B. Eccleston delivers a petition from John Toomey, of Queen-Anne's county, a revolutionary soldier; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Lake delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying for a bridge between James and Taylor's Islands; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lake, W. Eccleston and Frazier.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy delivers a petition from James Mosher, jun. praying leave to bring a negro slave into this state; which was read and referred to Messrs. J. P. Kennedy, Alderson and Showers.

Mr. Beckett reports a bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of real and personal property in Calvert county. Mr. Davis reports a bill, entitled, An act to make valid the deed therein mentioned; which were read.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, An act to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year; which was read. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on Saturday next.

Mr. Marriott reports a bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of holding the court in Anne-Arundel county; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Barney, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act regulating executions and distresses, in order to preserve to families their necessary bed and bedding. Ordered, That Messrs. Barney, J. P. Kennedy and Alderson, prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Orrick, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein named. Ordered, That Messrs. Orrick, Showers, Archer and S. Stevens, prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy delivers a petition from George Lash, of the city of Baltimore, praying that he may hold real property purchased before he was naturalized; which was read and referred to Messrs. J. P. Kennedy, Orrick and Norris.

Mr. Stoddert delivers a petition from Henry Penn, of Charles county, praying he may be authorised to remove slaves into this state; which was read and referred to Messrs. Stoddert, Rogerson and Edelen.

Mr. J. Forrest delivers a petition from James Etchison, of Prince-George's county, praying for support; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Bowles delivers the following report:

The Committee appointed to report the rules proper to be observed during this session, beg leave to submit the following:

1. At the hour appointed for sitting, the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for.
2. Every member shall take his seat, uncovered, when the speaker takes his chair.
3. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall rise and respectfully address himself to the speaker, or chairman, as it may be.
4. No member, at the time of speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.
5. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall determine which shall speak first.
6. No member shall speak a second time until every member who offers to deliver his sentiments has spoken once, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the house.
7. Any member called to order, by the speaker, or any member, shall thereupon take his seat.
8. When the house is sitting, no member shall hold conversation to interrupt debate.
9. No motion shall be debated, until the same be seconded, (and if desired by the speaker or any member,) reduced to writing, delivered in at the table, and read by the clerk.
10. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, or be postponed, by a motion for commitment or postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.
11. Every question shall be entered on the journal and the yeas and nays shall be taken when required by three members who shall have divided on the question.
12. The previous question, that is, whether the question propounded be now put, may be called for by any member on any question, except to an amendment, or other matter which cannot, in its nature, be postponed; and if the previous question be determined in the affirmative, the main question shall immediately be put by the speaker.
13. If a question in debate contains more distinct parts than one, any member may of right have the same divided into as many questions as parts; and when an amendment shall be proposed to an amendment, the question on the last amendment shall be taken first, and then divided, if required, into as many parts as it will admit of questions.
14. All questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present, those dividing in the affirmative rising in their places, those in the negative continuing in their seats, and so *vice versa*, until a decision by the speaker.
15. When the speaker shall decide any question, the same shall be final, unless the yeas and nays be required.
16. Every bill or resolution, originated in this house, or received from the senate, shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time it shall lie on the table for the

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