

Mr. Polk reports a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act there n mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Willis reports a bill, entitled, An act authorising the sheriff of Caroline county to release from his custody and gaol James M. Carty, jun. and for other purposes; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Marriott reports a bill, entitled, An act authorising Robert W. Kent, of Anne-Arundel county, to remove certain negroes into the state of Maryland, which was read.

On motion by Mr. Allen, Ordered, That the supplement to the act relative to the stay of executions, have a second reading on to-morrow

Mr. Hilleary presents a petition from James Scott, of Allegany county, praying he may be permitted to remove slaves into this state; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hilleary, Scott and Blair.

Mr. Cross presents a petition from Henry H. Chapman; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Boyle presents a petition from Ann Hollydayoke, praying her grand child Jane Parish may be supported by the county; which was read and referred to the committee on out pensions

On motion by Mr. Allen, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act enable residing foreigners to hold real property? Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Messrs. Allen, S. Stevens, Hayward, J. Forrest and Dennis, report the same

The house proceeded to the second reading of the further supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments. On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, the question was put, That the following clause be stricken out? "That if any free person shall hereafter, secretly and feloniously steal, take, and carry away, any corn, while growing or standing in the field, within this state, after the first day of October in any year, upon conviction thereof, shall suffer such punishment, and undergo such confinement in the penitentiary of this state, as if the said corn had been feloniously stolen, taken and carried away, after the same had been severed from the freehold." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Maulsby, the residue of the bill was rejected.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill authorising Samuel Stone, of Baltimore county, to erect and keep gates on the road therein mentioned; and the bill for the benefit of George Lash, of Baltimore county; severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed

The order referring the executive communication to committees, was read the second time and assented to.

The speaker appointed Messrs. Marriott, Polk, J. S. Moffett, Hilleary and Wright, on that part relating to repairing arms. Messrs. Boyle, J. B. Eccleston, T. W. Hall, Reeder, Lake, Dennis and Weems

on that part relative to the claims of the state. Messrs. Stoddart, Barney, Wilson, Allen, M. Pherson, Bowles and N. Martin, on that part relative to the education of indigent persons. Messrs. Maulsby, Mil-

ford, Orrick, Parker, Kennedy, S. Stevens and Warfield, on that part relative to internal improvements. The order was then assented to.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Joseph Richardson, clerk of Caroline county court, endorsed "will pass;" which was read. The bill authorising the sheriff of Caroline county, to release from his custody and gaol James M. Carty, jun. and for other purposes, endorsed

"will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to make valid a deed therein mentioned, endorsed

"will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 14, 1820.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your two messages on the subject of a joint recommendation to the governor of a person to be appointed register of wills for Anne Arundel county. In answer to which we beg leave to inform you, that we are not ready to proceed to the recommendation in question, because we understand that there are other applicants for the office, who are not nominated in either of your messages, concerning whose qualifications we expect to receive full information, before we determine upon a recommendation of a person to fill an office which you justly describe as very important to the good people of the state—an office whose tenure is during good behaviour or for life. We deem it proper, being of opinion that the senate are competent to decide for themselves the course which duty prescribes, duly to deliberate. Good may result from some delay, and we apprehend it can be productive of no inconvenience to the public, because, as we construe the provision of the constitution to which your last message refers especially when taken in connexion with the last part of the 49th article, it is the duty of the person appointed by the governor, with the advice of the council, in the recess of the general assembly, to continue to act until a person is commissioned by the governor, upon the joint recommendation of the senate and house of delegates at their next meeting; and this we understand to have been the general, if not the universal practice.

In addition to the above circumstances we beg leave to state, that at the time fixed in your message of the 12th instant, the senate, at the instance of your honourable body, were engaged in balloting for the executive council, and the moment fixed by your message of the 13th inst. was the one when his excellency the governor elect was waiting the attendance of both branches of the legislature to take the oaths of office agreeably to the constitution and laws of this state.

As soon as we are prepared to proceed in this business, according to our sense of the constitution, and our duty, we shall not fail to give notice thereof to your honourable house.

By order,

J. N. WATKINS, Clk.

which was read.

Mr. Snowden reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorise William Jordan, late collector of the sixth election district of Baltimore county, to complete his collection. Mr. Gabby reports a bill, entitled, An

act for the relief of David Waggaman, of Washington county. Mr. Showers reports a bill, entitled, An

act to repeal the act, entitled, An act authorising certain alterations in Baltimore county and city courts.

Mr. Cockey reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Hodgkiss, of Frederick county, which were severally read.

On motion by Mr. Warfield, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the erection of