

Mr. Wiatt presents a petition from William and Jesse Lucas, free persons of colour, praying they may have permission to remain in this state; read and referred to Messrs Wiatt, Hoffman and Greenwell.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:  
**BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 10, 1821.**

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

This house conceiving an error to exist in the commission sent up by us a few days since, for the senator of the United States lately elected, in the insertion of the third of March, 1827, as the limitation of his term of office; whence it should have been to the fourth of March in that year, respectfully beg leave to suggest a reconsideration of the same, in order that the mistake may be rectified, and would also request, should this proposal meet your acceptance, that the commission be sent back to this house for revision.

By order, JOHN BREWER, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, **ORDERED**, that a committee of five to be named by the chair, be appointed for the purpose of examining into the expediency of establishing a system of common schools throughout this state, and to report the same to this house. **Ordered**, That Messrs Kennedy, Pigman, J. Forrest, Sulivane and John S. Spence be the said committee.

On motion by Mr. Marriott, **ORDERED**, That so much of the executive communication as relates to the internal improvements, be referred to a committee of seven. That so much as relates to the situation of the public buildings, be referred to a committee of five. That so much as relates to the collection of the public arms, now outstanding in the hands of the militia, be referred to a committee of five. That so much as relates to the propriety of providing by law for the erection at the seat of government of an armory or arsenal and gun house, be referred to a committee of five. That so much as relates to raising the necessary supplies to defray the unavoidable expences of government, be referred to the committee of ways and means. That so much as relates to the claims of this state upon the general government, be referred to a committee of five, and that so much as relates to the Lancastrian system of education, be referred to a committee of five; and that the aforesaid special committees be appointed by the speaker.

The report of the committee of elections and privileges, was read the second time and concurred with.

The bill to repeal the act entitled, An act authorising certain alterations in Baltimore county and city court rooms, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Moffat presents a petition from Elizabeth Bruff, of Queen Ann's county; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Hardcastle reports a bill entitled, An act in favour of Betsy Blunt, a free woman of color; which was read.

Mr. Norris presents a petition from John Barrett; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Bowles presents a petition from sundry citizens of Hager's Town, praying for permission to erect a masonic hall over the market house; read and referred to Messrs Bowles, Wever and Kershner.

Mr. Hoffman presents a petition from Henry Korn, of Allegany county, praying his title to land purchased by him and not conveyed by Hanson Buscoe, deceased, who sold the same, may be confirmed; read and referred to Messrs Hoffman, Pigman and Wiatt.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the benefit of Amos Chapman and Joseph Chapman, of the city of Baltimore, endorsed, "will pass;" ordered to be engrossed. The resolution relative to the members of the electoral college and the legislature, endorsed, "assented to." And the following messages:

**BY THE SENATE, December 10, 1821.**

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We concur in the proposal contained in your message to go into the election of governor this day at 12 o'clock. No person has been put in nomination by the senate in addition to the gentleman nominated by your house. We have appointed Messrs Dickinson and Wootton to join the gentlemen appointed by you to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

**BY THE SENATE, December 10, 1821.**

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We have received your message proposing a reconsideration of the resolution relating to the term of service of the senator of the United States, and herewith transmit the resolution which we have amended according to your suggestion.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

**BY THE SENATE, December 8, 1821.**

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

From a representation of the difficulties and embarrassments which have resulted from an opposite course of proceeding, we have been induced to adopt a rule directing that all bills and resolutions shall be engrossed for a last reading in the senate.

We decline entering into a detail of the various mischiefs which have grown out of the present practice of committing to the printer of the state or to the clerk of either house the proceedings of the legislature, which can only be made intelligible by reference to detached and mutilated pieces of paper, often scarcely legible and always subject to be misplaced or mislaid. Whether consequences of a dangerous character would result from an observance of the present system has ceased to be matter of speculation. Facts have demonstrated that such consequences ensue.

The object of our rule will be materially defeated unless it be adopted in practice by your body. We therefore invite your attention to the subject, in the hope that you will concur in the propriety of adopting an uniformity of practice.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

Which were read