

which was read and referred to Messrs. Moffet, Nicholson and Stevens.

Mr. Harris reports a bill entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in Kent county, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, which was read.

Mr. Dorsey presents a petition from Charles Ke. Bruce, praying his title to real property may be as valid as if he had always resided in the United States; which was read and referred to Messrs. Dorsey, Pigman and Barney.

Mr. Riggs presents a petition from Thomas Henry, of Montgomery county, praying for support; which was read and referred to Messrs. Riggs, Darne and Duvall.

Mr. Barney reports a bill entitled, An act to repeal an act entitled, an act for the relief of poor and distressed families in cases of execution for debt and distress for rent; which was read.

Messrs. Chambers and Wootton from the senate, inform the speaker that the governor elect is attending in the senate room, and the senate require his attendance with the members of the house of delegates in the senate room, to see the governor qualify.

The speaker left the chair, and attended by the members of this house, went to the senate room, where his excellency qualified in the presence of both houses, by subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, by taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government, the oath of office directed by an act of assembly, and by taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States.

The speaker, attended by the members of the house, returned, and resumed the chair.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1821.

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

On motion by Mr. Marriott, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 12, 1821.

Gentlemen of the Senate.

Isaac D. Maulsby, Thomas H. Wilkinson, James Butcher, Nicholas Brewer and James Nabb, Esqrs. having been elected Council to the Governor of this state, we propose that a joint letter be written by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates, and forwarded to each of the gentlemen elect, to notify them of their election, and requesting their immediate attendance at the seat of government.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

Mr. Carroll presents the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Ann Mead, of the city of Annapolis beg leave to report, that they think the prayer of the petition unreasonable, and therefore recommend that she have leave to withdraw her petition.

By order,

JOSEPH IRELAND, Jun. Clk.

Which was read and concurred with.

Mr. Carroll presents a memorial from Jehu Chandler, former printer to the state, praying that his claim against the state may be taken into consideration; which was read and referred to Messrs. Carroll, Marriott and Pigman.

Mr. Barney presents a petition from William Patterson and others, praying for a revision of the tobacco inspection law; read and referred to the committee appointed on a similar subject.

On motion by Mr. Edelen, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to make valid two deeds therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. Edelen, Jenifer and Rogerson report the same.

Mr. Kennedy presents a petition from Fielding A. Pinnell, praying to be released from confinement; read and referred to Messrs. Kennedy, Barney and Sprigg.

Mr. Barney presents a petition from Michael J. Forde, praying a special act of insolvency; read and referred to Messrs. Barney, Kennedy and Carroll.

Mr. Barney reports a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Isaac Knight, of Baltimore county; which was read the first and second time by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Llewellyn presents a petition from Theophilus Davis, of St. Mary's county, praying for support; which was read and referred to Messrs. Llewellyn, Maddox and Millard.

Mr. Sprigg presents a petition from Wm. Wood, praying to be released from Baltimore county jail; read and referred to Messrs. Sprigg, Orrick and Kennedy.

The bill for the relief of Roswell Noble, of the city of Baltimore; was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The report on the petition of Elizabeth L. Gassaway, was read the second time and the resolution therein contained, assented to and sent to the senate.

Mr. Dorsey presents a petition from Adam Showers, esq. stating the evils which the citizens of this state sustain from the combination among some of the citizens of Pennsylvania, to prevent the owners of fugitive slaves from quietly and legally retaking them; read and referred to the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. Millard presents a petition from Samuel Thompson, of Saint Mary's county, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Millard, Maddox and Llewellyn.

Mr. Duvall obtained Leave to bring in a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Edward Godman, of Montgomery. Ordered, That Messrs. Duvall, Riggs and Darne report the same.

Mr. Dorsey reports a bill entitled a further supplement to the act entitled, An act regulating the inspection of tobacco.

Mr. Barney reports a bill entitled, An act for the greater security of property in fields, gardens and other enclosures.

Mr. Norris reports a bill entitled, An act to alter and change the place of holding the elections in the first election district in Harford county; and Mr. Wiatt reports a bill entitled, An act to authorize