

## OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

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On motion by Mr. Allen, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to withdraw the sum now given the different schools, colleges and academies, to constitute a fund, to be hereafter appropriated to the education of poor children. Ordered, that Messrs. Allen, Boon, Norris, Douglass and Sheridine, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Cannell. Ordered, that the Speaker, be requested to issue a warrant, for an election, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of William H. Ringgold, Esquire, a delegate returned from Kent county.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy. Ordered, that the clerk of the house furnish the legislature, with twelve copies of the laws, and twelve copies of the votes and proceedings of the last session.

On motion by Mr. Lockerman, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act for the more effectual preventing of forgery, and to make it felony to steal bonds, notes, or other securities for the payment of money. Ordered, that Messrs. Lockerman, T. Kemp and Martin, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following resolution was read:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this house be presented to Cornelius H. Mills, the late sergeant at arms, for his orderly and good conduct during the time he acted in that capacity.

On motion by Mr. Steele, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and direct the directors of the Maryland Penitentiary to erect a tread or stepping mill in the same, and to make it a part of the punishment of those sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary, to labor thereon during their confinement. Ordered, that Messrs. Steele, Stansbury and Purviance, report the same.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1822.

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

The Speaker laid before the house returns from the clerks of Talbot, Calvert and Allegany counties, relative to the attendance of judges; which were read.

Mr. Ireland presents a petition from John H. Nowland and Lambert Sappington, of Kent county, praying that some person may be authorised to execute a conveyance to said Sappington, for land purchased by him from James Black; which was read and referred to Messrs. Ireland, Massey and Cannell.

Mr. Henry Kemp presents a petition from George Hoffman, of Frederick county, administrator of Clara Johnson, (a coloured free woman,) praying that her brother, Dennis Hill, and her sister Sophia Livess, may be entitled by law to a portion of the said Clara Johnson's property; which was read and referred to Messrs. H. Kemp, Hoffman and Thomas.

Mr. Hoffman, presents a petition from William Workman, of Allegany county, praying for a law to authorise the register of the land office to issue a patent in his favor; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hoffman, Greenwell and Tomlinson.

Mr. Farquhar, presents a petition from Catharine Stimmel, of Frederick county, praying to be divorced; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following order was read:

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all petitions for divorces during the present session, and the question put, that the house assent to the same—Determined in the negative.

*Ordered*, That Catharine Stimmel's petition be referred to Messrs. Farquhar, Millard and Fisher.

Mr. Keller, presents a petition from John Swartsfelter, of Washington county, an alien, praying he may hold real property; which was read and referred to Messrs. Keller, Drury and T. Kennedy.

On motion by Mr. Millard, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list. Ordered, that Messrs. Millard, Stone and G. Leigh report the same.

On motion by Mr. Orrick, the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 4, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We propose with your concurrence to proceed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ to the election of a senator in the congress of the United States, and have nominated Messrs. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are appointed on the part of this house, to meet such gentlemen as may be named by you to count the ballots.

Mr. Parker, presents a petition from captain James Cochran, of Cecil county, praying for a pension; which was read and referred to Messrs. Parker, Sheredine and Gerry.

On motion by Mr. Steele, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter that part of the constitution and form of government relating to the division of Dorchester county into five separate election districts. Ordered, that Messrs. Steele Hooper and Willis report the same.

On motion by Mr. Allen, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to abolish survivorship in joint tenancy. Ordered, that Messrs. Allen, Millard and Hoffman report the same.

Mr. Orrick 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.