

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The message was then assented to and sent to the senate.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy, presents a petition from John Hill, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. J. P. Kennedy, Hughes and Purviance.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from the vestry of the Evangelical Lutheran church, in Frederick-Town, praying for a lottery; which was read and referred to Messrs. Thomas, Fisher and Pollard.

Mr. Drury, presents a petition from sundry citizens of Washington county, praying for a bridge at John Shaffer's mill; and Mr. Keller, presents a petition similar thereto; which was read and referred to Messrs. Drury, Keller and T. Kennedy.

Mr. H. Kemp presents a petition from the congregation of the German reformed church, in Middletown, in Frederick county, praying for a lottery; which was read and referred to Messrs. H. Kemp, Thomas and Farquhar.

Mr. Ireland presents a petition from William Knight, of Kent county, praying he may remove slaves into this state; which was read and referred to Messrs. Ireland, Cannell and Massey.

Mr. Pratt presents a petition from Robert Wright, of Queen Anne's county, praying he may be authorised to remove slaves into this state; which was read and referred to Messrs. Pratt, Meconiken and Wright.

Mr. John P. Kennedy presents a petition from Jacob Ayres, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency; read and referred to Messrs. J. P. Kennedy, Allen and Purviance.

Also, a petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying to be incorporated, under the name of the Columbian Beneficial Society; read and referred to Messrs. J. P. Kennedy, Purviance and Dalrymple.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to repeal that part of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Baltimore county into seven election districts, passed at last session. Ordered, that Messrs. Worthington, Johnson and Stansbury report the same.

On motion by Mr. H. Kemp, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, and enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers. Ordered, that Messrs. H. Kemp, Worthington and Thomas report the same.

On motion by Mr. J. P. Kennedy, the following order was read:

*Ordered*, That a select committee, to consist of seven, be appointed by the Speaker to enquire into the manner in which justice is administered in the courts of law and equity throughout this state.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, Ordered, that the committee of claims be instructed to receive proposals for the supply of stationary required by this house, and contract for the same on the most reasonable terms.

On motion by Mr. Millard, Ordered, that the committee of claims be instructed to have printed all papers ordered by this house during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Purviance, Ordered, that the committee of claims be instructed to enquire into the expense of printing the journal daily, for the use of both houses of the legislature, and report upon the expediency of the same.

On motion by Mr. Millard, Ordered, that the committee of claims be instructed to receive proposals for all printing, necessary to be done during the present session, and contract upon the most advantageous terms.

Mr. Loockerman presents a petition from Mary Leaverton and Lydia Besswick, praying for the sale of the real estate of John Leaverton, late of Talbot county, deceased; read and referred to Messrs. Loockerman, Lloyd and Wright.

On motion by Mr. Parker, Ordered, that the petition of James Cochran, be referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Wright presents a petition from Edward Deford, of Queen Ann's county, praying for the support of his son; read and referred to Messrs. Wright, Meconiken and Pratt.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from John Shober, a revolutionary soldier; read and referred to the committee appointed on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Wright presents a petition from William Wright, of Queen Anne's county, praying he may remove slaves into the state; read and referred to Messrs. Wright, J. P. Kennedy, Loockerman, Meconiken and Norris.

The Speaker laid before the house, a report from the president and visitors of the Frederick-Town academy; which was read.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 5, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We have appointed Messrs. Millard and Pratt, a committee, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honorable body, to examine and report the situation of the furniture in the government house, and what sums of money, if any, be requisite to furnish the same.

And the question was put, that the house assent to the same? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to confirm an act passed at the last session of the legislature, entitled, An act to alter and repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Frederick county into nine election districts. Ordered, that Messrs. Thomas, Farquhar and H. Kemp, report the same.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy reports a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Jacob Ayres, of the city of Baltimore; which was read.