

consist of three gentlemen from each branch, to devise some means which with despatch and economy, will put each branch in possession of the proceedings of the other.

By order,

W. M. KILTY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Estep delivers the following report:

The committee of claims, in obedience to the order of the house, have enquired into the expense of printing the journal daily for the use of both houses of the legislature, and from the best information they can obtain on the subject, the cost will not be less than 200 dollars, nor exceed 250 dollars, for 100 copies, during a session of ordinary length. The committee cannot perceive the expediency of the measure, believing that the benefit to be derived from it would not be equal to the expense.

By order,

S. S. HODGKIN, Clk.

Which was read.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 12, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the Senate.*—We have received your message of this day, proposing a committee of conference, and concur with the same. Messrs. Estep, Purviance and Millard, are appointed on the part of this house, to meet such gentlemen as are appointed by your honourable body.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution relative to the members and officers of the legislature, endorsed "assented to."

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 12, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the Senate.*—We have appointed Messrs. Millard, Wootton, Maddox, Hoffman, Chauncey, Fisher and Slemaker, on the part of this house, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honourable body, to form a committee of both houses for the purpose of comparing and examining all engrossed bills.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Mr. Spencer reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorise special courts of oyer and terminer, and for other purposes; which was read.

Mr. Estep reports a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the election of a vestry to Saint John's Church, Queen Caroline parish; which was twice read by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 12, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.*—The senate have appointed Messrs. Chambers, Miller and McKim, a committee, to meet the committee appointed by your house, to confer upon the proposed mode to make public the proceedings of the legislature.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled An act to repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Baltimore county into seven separate election districts, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Johnson, Worthington and Stansbury, report the same.

Mr. John P. Kennedy presents a petition from Mary Holland, the widow of Edward Holland a revolutionary soldier; read and referred to the committee of pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Thomas Kennedy presents a petition from Daniel Gelwick, of Washington county, praying for a pension; which was read and referred to Messrs. Thomas Kennedy, Keller and Diury.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the agent for the western shore.

*To the Honorable the Legislature of Maryland.*

Thomas Kennedy, appointed by the governor and council state agent for the western shore of Maryland, under the act of December session eighteen hundred and twenty-one, respectfully submits this, his first report, in compliance with the provisions of the act of 1816, chap. 271, section 19.

That from the summary statement herewith exhibited, and marked No. 1, it will appear that the treasurer has received from sundry branches of revenue, loans, dividends on stock, and incidental accounts, for the year ending November 30, 1822, the sum of \$219,522 44; and that the state agent for the western shore has paid into the treasury for the year ending November 30, 1822, the sum of \$18,576 12.

The statement No. 2, shews from whom the money was collected, and for what years the same was due.

The statement No. 3, contains an estimate of the agent's commission.

The executive having already communicated to the legislature a letter addressed to them, containing an account of the agent's proceedings, it is here unnecessary to recapitulate them, he will therefore only mention some other proceedings which were not noticed in that communication, and offer some hints in regard to the revenue of the state.

Although the agent was not understood to have the superintendance of the collection of monies due for licenses granted to retailers of dry goods, and wholesale merchants, yet feeling it his duty to aid the revenue of the state by every means in his power, he requested a notice to be published in some newspapers, which was copied by almost every editor in the state, and was also inserted in the National Intelligencer, informing the merchants generally of the existence of the law, requiring licenses to be taken out on the first day of August annually;