

On motion by Mr. Millard, Ordered, that the committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, be instructed to report to the house a general bill on the subject of tavern rates.

Mr. Wright presents a petition from Nathan Betton, late sheriff of Queen Ann's county, praying further time to complete his collections; read and referred to Messrs. Wright, Meconiken and Loockerman.

The bill appointing commissioners for the regulation and improvement of the village of Hillsborough, in Caroline county, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, the question was put, that the further consideration of the same be postponed? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Norris moved to postpone it until Monday next? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Saulsbury moved it should lie on the table. Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of purchasing a library for the use of the legislature, and have leave to report by bill or otherwise. Ordered, that Messrs A. Lee, Carroll, J. P. Kennedy, Franklin and Farquhar, be the said committee.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1822.

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

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Baltimore county, into seven separate election districts, and for other purposes; was sent to the senate.

Mr. Semmes presents a petition from Rebecca Belt, and Edward Belt, of Prince Georges county, praying for the sale of the real estate of Tobias Belt, deceased; read and referred to Messrs. Semmes, Culver and Wootton.

On motion by Mr. Semmes: Ordered, that all bills which have been once read, and are entitled by the rules of this house to a second reading, shall be arranged every morning agreeably to seniority by the clerk, and placed on the speakers desk, and taken up by the speaker in their just turn, and read a second time, although no motion for a second reading has been made.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Washington county, relative to the attendance of judges; which was read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

The additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the turnpike road near Westminster, to Taney Town; thence with the main road, from the turnpike near Westminster to Taney Town; thence with the main street through Emmitsburgh to Troups tavern; was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 16, 1822.

Gentlemen of the Senate—Having understood that Samuel Steven, jun. esq. the governor elect, has arrived at the seat of government; we have appointed Messrs. Millard and Norris, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honorable body, to wait upon him, to ascertain when it will be convenient for him to qualify.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the treasurer of the Western Shore, in compliance with the order of this house of the 13th instant; read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

On motion by Mr. Norris; Ordered, that the bill to abolish joint tenancy have a second reading on the 19th inst.

On motion by Mr. Edelin; Ordered, that the bill to repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the election of four delegates from each county, have a second reading on the 8th of January next.

On motion by Mr. Kilgour; Ordered, that the bill to authorise the citizens of this state to sue in any of its county courts without being compelled to give security for officers fees, have a second reading on the 2d of January next.

On motion by Mr. Loockerman; Ordered, that the bill to change the time of the meeting of the general assembly, have a second reading on the 4th of January next.

The bill appointing commissioners for the regulation and improvement of the village of Hillsborough, in Caroline county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Semmes reports a bill, entitled, An act for the sale of the real estate of which Tobias Belt, died possessed; which was read.

The bill to fix and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Millard, the question was put, that the blank be filled up with the word \$534? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Tomlinson, the blank was filled up with \$500. The bill was then passed and sent to the senate.

The bill for the benefit of Phebe Sutton, of Kent county; was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the Westminster, Taney Town and Emmitsburgh, turnpike road company; Ordered, That Messrs. Thomas, Farquhar and Fisher, report the same.