

## OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Also a communication from his excellency the governor, transmitting certificates from the president and directors of the Hager's-Town Bank, and the Commercial and Farmer's Bank of Baltimore, notifying that said banks have accepted the renewal of their charters, upon the terms provided by the act of last session, making a road from Boonsborough to Hager's-Town; which was read. And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 20, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—We have received your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee to inspect the state of the penitentiary. We concur in the proposition, and have appointed Messrs. Claude, Johnson, Kent, Bowie and Quinton, to join the gentlemen named by your house.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. John P. Kennedy; Ordered, That the bills to incorporate the Avalon Society, and the Baltimore Manufacturing Company, have a second reading on the 2nd January next.

The house adjourns until the 30th inst. at 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1822.

The house met. Present the same members as on the 21st inst. The proceedings of the 21st were read.

Washington Duvall, Esquire, a delegate returned for Montgomery county; James Hodges, Esquire, a delegate returned for Kent county, and James Roberts, Esquire, a delegate returned for Queen Anne's county; appeared, qualified and took their seats.

The speaker laid before the house, a communication from the treasurer of the Eastern Shore, in obedience to the orders of this house of the 9th and 13th instant, read referred to the committee of ways and means.

The bill to build a bridge over Patuxent, at Queen Anne; was read the second time, and passed.

Mr. Lloyd presents a petition from Samuel Stevens, of Talbot county, praying for a divorce; read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Carroll presents a petition from Ann Holydeyoke; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Purviance presents a petition from Elizabeth Hance Philpot, a minor praying to be permitted to dispose of certain property; read and referred to Messrs. Purviance, J. P. Kennedy and Orrick.

Mr. Greenwell presents a petition from Thomas Ruby, praying he may remove a negro into this state; read and referred to Messrs. Greenwell, Tomlinson and Hoffman; and a petition from John Stump and Sally Stump, alias, Sally Martin, praying their marriage may be made lawful; read and referred to the committee on divorces.

The bill for the benefit of Walter Sims, of Montgomery county; was read the second time and passed.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the agent for the Eastern Shore, giving an account of his proceedings; read and referred to the committee appointed on the report of the agent for the Western Shore.

On motion by Mr. Martin, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the conveyance and return of process issued from the courts of our county to the officer of another; Ordered, That Messrs. Martin, Douglass and Howard, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Cannell, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in Kent county, passed at December session 1821, chapter 11; Ordered, that Messrs. Cannell, Massey and Hodges, report the same.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the first Hager's Town hose company; Ordered, that Messrs. T. Kennedy, Keller and Drury, report the same.

Mr. Linthicum presents a petition from Elizabeth Brewer of Anne Arundel county, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Howard Linthicum and Estep.

Mr. Thomas reports a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein. Which was read.

Mr. Sheredine announced to the house the death of his colleague, William Craig, jun.

On motion by Mr. Semmes; Ordered, that the delegation from Cecil county, together with that of Kent, be a committee to make such arrangements as may be necessary for the interment of the honorable William Craig, jun. a delegate from Cecil county, this day deceased.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the following resolution was read and assented to:

*Resolved*, That the members of the legislature, in respect to the memory of the late William Craig, jun. esq. deceased, a delegate from Cecil county, who departed this life while attending to the discharge of his duties, wear scarfs and bands, during the remainder of the session; and that the funeral expences be placed on the journal of accounts.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the following message was read and assented to:

BY THE HOUSE DELEGATES, Dec. 30, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—In the discharge of a melancholy duty, we have to inform you of the decease of the honorable William Craig, jun. a delegate from Cecil county, and a member of this house; as a testimonial of respect to his memory, we propose that the members of both branches of the legislature, convene to-morrow evening at 3 o'clock, to join in procession at his funeral.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

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