

deceased, will meet in the senate chamber at three o'clock P. M. of this day, to join in procession at his funeral.

Which was read.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1823.

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

The bill for the relief of James B. M'Kawn, of the city of Baltimore, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from Caleb Hobbs, of Anne-Arundel county, praying for support; read and referred to the committee on similar petitions.

The bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of Charles county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Purviance presents a petition from George Noble, praying to be allowed a residence to enable him to have the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state; read and referred to Messrs. Purviance, Cannell and John P. Kennedy.

Mr. Ireland reports a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of James Dunbar, of Kent county, to that of James Templeton Dunbar; and Mr. Purviance reports a bill, entitled, An act to permit John Piet, of the city of Baltimore, to bring certain negroes from Virginia into this state; which were read.

Mr. Gerry presents a petition from Hyland B. Pennington, praying he may remove a slave into this state; read and referred to Messrs. Gerry, Parker, and Sheredine.

Mr. Worthington presents a petition from Abraham Shaw, and others, praying for a commission of review on the Fall's turnpike road; read and referred to Messrs. Worthington, Stansbury, Orrick, Johnson and Wright.

Mr. Drury presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county praying a mulatto boy born in Virginia, may be permitted to reside in Maryland; read and referred to Messrs. Drury, Keller and Thomas Kennedy.

Mr. Chauncey presents a petition from Abraham Jarrett, of Harford county, praying that absconding servants, who have to serve only a term of years, may be sold out of the state; read and referred to Messrs. Chauncey, Wright, Worthington, Norris and Stone.

Mr. Thomas Kennedy reports a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the first Hager's-Town Hose Company; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Allen, the following order was read and dissented from.

*Ordered,* That the order appointing a standing committee on the subject of divorces, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

On motion by Mr. Thomas Kennedy, he was excused from serving on the said committee; and the chair appointed Mr. Purviance in his place.

On motion by Mr. Howard, *Ordered,* That the bill, entitled, An act to reduce the per diem of the justices of the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, and for other purposes, have a second reading on the 7th inst.

Mr. Cannell reports a bill, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in Kent county, passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty one, chapter eleven; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Purviance reports a bill, antitled, An act for the relief of George Noble, of the city of Baltimore; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

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

Mr. Wright presents a petition from Jacob Seth, of Queen-Anne's county, to authorise him to make a good and valid deed for property therein mentioned; read and referred to Messrs. Wright, Thomas and Meconiken.

Mr. Purviance presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, praying for an act to widen Cheap Side street; read and referred to Messrs. Purviance, John P. Kennedy and Hughes.

On motion by Mr. Chauncey, the following resolution was read: Whereas it has become an alarming practice of the slaves of this state to abscond from their masters, or owners, without any just cause or provocation, and to flee to the state of Pennsylvania; and as the existing laws of said state are such as to afford them every means of escape from the pursuit of their masters or owners, and from the great encouragement and protection which they receive from the citizens of said state, by raising of mobs, and other encouragements given them to murder such masters or owners, it has become peculiarly hazardous to the life of any master, or owner, to arrest any absconding servant, if overtaken in said state, therefore,

*Resolved,* That the legislature of this state appoint on the part of the senate, to proceed forthwith to the seat of government of the state of Pennsylvania, and then and there to use their utmost endeavours with the legislature of said state; to get a law passed so as to prevent any future obstructions or inconveniencies from arresting such absconded servants, and to get repealed all laws creating such obstructions or inconveniencies.

The bill authorising Henry Vernon Somerville, to remove certain negroes into the state of Maryland, was read the second time; on motion by Mr. Hughes, the question was put, That the same be withdrawn from the hands of the chair, for the purpose of amending it? Determined in the negative.