

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the following was added to the same:

"And be it enacted, That said commissioners shall have power to administer the following oath or affirmation, to such witnesses as may appear, or be produced before them:—You, A. B, do solemnly swear or affirm, as the case may be, that the evidence you are about to give, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God." The question was then put shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Semmes reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Alexander Keech, of Prince George's county. Mr. Steele reports a bill, entitled, an act to authorise a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum of money for the purpose of cutting a canal from the head of Black Water river into the head of Parson's creek, in Dorchester county, and for paying the expenses of a lottery for said canal, repealed in 1810. And Mr. Whiteford reports a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change the place of holding the elections in the fourth election district in Harford county; which were read.

Mr. John P. Kennedy delivers the following report:

The committee of elections and privileges beg leave to submit, in addition to their first report, that they have examined a return made by the attending judges, at the polls for Kent county, upon an election held in said county, in conformity with a warrant issued by the honorable the speaker of the house of delegates, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of William H. Ringgold, late a delegate of the said county, and find that James Hodges has been returned duly elected as a delegate for the said county to supply the vacancy before mentioned.

By order,

T. E. HAMBLETON, Clk.

Which was read and concurred with.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1823.

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

The bill relative to the divisional line, between Calvert and Anne Arundel counties; was sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Purviance, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the removal of Allegations against insolvent debtors from one county to another; Ordered, that Messrs. Purviance, Spence and J. P. Kennedy, report the same.

The bill for the benefit of Anthony Addison and Henry Callis, 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 benefit of Lewis Creager, of Frederick county; Ordered, that Messrs. Thomas, H. Kemp and Fisher, report the same.

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

Ordered, That an assistant door-keeper be appointed, who shall receive _____ dollars per day.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, the questions were put, on filling up the blank with 4 with 3 with 2 dollars, and determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Loockerman, the order was rejected.

Mr. Kilgour obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to authentication of certain proceedings; Ordered, that Messrs. Kilgour, Spence and J. P. Kennedy, report the same.

Mr. Sheredine obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal parts of the acts of assembly therein mentioned; Ordered, that Messrs. Sheridine, Fisher and Parker, report the same.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy presents a petition from Eleanor Banks; and Mr. Millard presents a petition from James Norris, jun. each for a divorce; read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Jones presents a petition from Andrew Scott; and Mr. Weems presents a petition from Elizabeth Dawkins; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy presents a petition from William Somerville, of the city of Baltimore, praying indemnification for a servant killed during the late war with Great Britain; read and referred to Messrs. J. P. Kennedy, Purviance and Stansbury.

Mr. Dennis presents a petition from the trustees of Washington academy, praying for the appointment of an additional number of trustees; read and referred to Messrs. Dennis, Teackle and Jones.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the trustees of Washington academy, in Somerset county; which was read.

The bill for the benefit of Catharine Byran, of Kent county; the bill authorising the levy court of Queen Anne's county, to levy a sum of money for the purchase of a lot of ground adjoining the poor house establishment of said county, for the benefit of said institution; were read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. A. Lee, the following resolution was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Resolved, That the governor and council, be requested to transmit copies of the executive communication on the subject of the Potomac survey, to the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives of congress, requesting that it may be submitted to their respective bodies, and to the governors of Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio, with a request that they will submit the same to their respective legislatures.