

On motion by Mr. Millard, Ordered, that the committee of claims report to this house the probable cost of enlarging the chamber of the house of delegates providing a committee room for the use of the same.

Ordered, that the bill relative to the election of the senate by the people, have a second reading on Tuesday next.

Ordered, that the bill to incorporate the Potomac Canal Company, have a second reading on to-morrow.

Ordered, that the supplement to the act, to incorporate a company for cutting and making a canal between the river Delaware and Chesapeake Bay, have a second reading on Monday next.

The bill for the benefit of George Creager, of Frederick county, was read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Hughes, the supplement to the bill for the relief of the poor of Anne-Arundel county, was referred to the next general assembly.

On motion by Mr. H. Kemp, the following message was read and assented to;

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 14, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We propose that a joint committee of both houses be appointed to confer on the best mode to be adopted for printing the laws and votes and proceedings of the present session of the legislature. Should you accede to our proposal Messrs. H. Kemp, Worthington, Carroll, Estep, and Millard, are appointed to meet such gentlemen as may be named by you.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Norris, the bill to alter and amend the constitution for the purpose therein mentioned, was referred to the next general assembly.

On motion by Mr. Stonestreet, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act granting a loan of money to the trustees of Charlotte Hall School. Ordered, that Messrs. Stonestreet, Garner and Edelen, report the same.

The supplement to the act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways, was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Stansbury, was referred to the 1st of June next.

On motion by Mr. Parker, Ordered, that the bill to elect the governor by the people, have a second reading on Tuesday next.

On motion by Mr. Howard, the bill for the relief of William Wells, of the city of Annapolis, was referred to the 1st of June.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the bill relating to trespasses *quan clausum fregit*, was postponed until Monday next.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1823.

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

The bill for the benefit of George Creager, of Frederick county; and the message relative to printing the laws and votes and proceedings, were sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Gerry, the following order was read,

Ordered, That when the roll is called at 9 o'clock A. M. the absent members shall be noted on the journal.

Mr. Millard moved to strike it out, for the purpose of inserting the following "that no leave be granted to report bills in this house after Thursday next.

A division of the question was called for and put on striking out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Thomas Kennedy, the substitute was referred to the 1st of June.

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

Mr. A. Lee presents a petition from Hester Case, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. A. Lee, Williams and Duvall.

Mr. John P. Kennedy presents a petition from Leon Peacore of the city of Baltimore, praying for a special act of insolvency; read and referred to Messrs. John P. Kennedy, Purviance and Hughes.

The bill to incorporate the Naval Fraternal Association for the relief of the families of deceased officers, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

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

Whereas the sum of five hundred dollars has been appropriated by law, for distributing the laws and votes and proceedings of each session of the legislature, the whole of which sum, it appears, has heretofore been appropriated for that purpose: And whereas, it is believed that they can be distributed for about half that sum.

Therefore, Resolved, That the executive be directed to receive proposals for distributing the laws and votes and proceedings of each session, on the western and eastern shore respectively, and that they contract with such person or persons as may offer to do it on the lowest terms.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message.

BY THE SENATE, February 14, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*,—We accede to your proposition, that a joint committee of both houses be appointed to confer on the best mode to be adopted for printing the laws and votes and proceedings of the present session of the legislature, and have appointed Messrs. Claude, Johnson and Miller, to join the gentlemen named in your message of this morning.

Which was read.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.