

ment to the act, entitled, an act authorising Henry Vernon Somerville, to remove certain negroes into the state of Maryland. Ordered that Messrs. W. Stewart, Merrick and W. G. D. Worthington report the same.

Mr. Sewell reports a bill, entitled, an act relating to the appointment of constables, in Harford county. Which was read.

The bill for the relief of William Burke, of Cecil county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Loockerman, ordered that so much of the executive communication, as relate to the erection of an additional building to the armory at Easton, be referred to a committee of five, to be appointed by the chair. The speaker appointed Messrs. Loockerman, Jones, Nicholson, E. B. Duvall and Whiteford.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 8, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—The constitution and form of government having directed that the governor of this state shall be chosen on the second Monday in December in each and every year; and this being the day prescribed, we propose with the concurrence of your honorable body, to proceed to elect the governor of this state, at 11 o'clock to-day. Samuel Stevens is put in nomination by this house; and we have appointed Messrs. Kemp and Martin to join such gentlemen as may be named by your house. By order, J. BREWER, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Millard, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an act for the support of Lydia Tippitt, of St. Mary's county. Ordered that Messrs. Millard, Gough and Kenwick report the same.

On motion by Mr. Turbutt, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to authorise justices of the peace of Frederick county, to give judgements in certain cases therein mentioned. Ordered that Messrs. Turbutt, Fisher report the same.

On motion by Mr. Willis, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to alter the mode of summoning and returning jurors in Dorchester county. Ordered that Messrs. Willis, Pitt and J. T. H. Worthington report the same.

On motion by Mr. Martin, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to repeal an act, entitled, an additional supplement to an act for the regulation of officers fees, passed at December session 1822. Ordered that Messrs. Martin, Steel and Nicholson report the same.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the question was put, that he be excused from serving as chairman of the committee of ways and means. Determined in the negative.

The speaker laid before the house, a letter from the Treasurer of the Eastern shore. Which was read and referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. W. Stewart presents a petition from Stanley Robinson. Read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Boon presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, praying that it may be made lawful to erect and continue gates on the public road in said county. Read and referred to Messrs. Boon, Hopper and Elijah Barwick.

On motion by Mr. Gale, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to prevent the erection of booths within two miles of any methodist camp, or quarterly meeting, in Kent county. Ordered that Messrs. Gale, Coburn and Hodges report the same.

Mr. W. Stewart reports a bill, entitled, an act to increase the number of delegates from the city of Baltimore to four; and to alter and abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as are repugnant thereto. Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution relative to members and officers of the legislature, endorsed assented to. Also a bill for the benefit of James Burns, of Frederick county, endorsed will pass, ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill to change the name of Samuel Busick Jump, endorsed will pass, with the proposed amendments, which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 8, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—The senate concur in the proposal contained in your message of this morning, to go into the election of governor at 11 o'clock to-day. No person is put in nomination for this office, in addition to the gentlemen named by you. Messrs. Miller and Johnson are appointed by the senate to join the gentlemen selected by you, to count the ballots and report thereon. By order, W. KILTY, Clk.

Which was read.

The house having qualified according to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a governor: the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported that Samuel Stevens, Esq. was elected. Whereupon resolved, That Samuel Stevens, be, and he is hereby declared to be governor of Maryland.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the register in chancery, in compliance with the order of this house. Which was read.

Mr. Iglehart reports a bill, entitled, an act to prevent justices of the peace and constables of the city of Annapolis, from having jurisdiction out of the limits of said city, and for other purposes.

Mr. Ireland reports a bill, entitled, an act to confirm and make valid certain acts and proceedings of William F. Gleaves, as a justice of the peace for Kent county. And Mr. Bryan reports a bill, entitled, an act for the better payment of the jurors and justices of the levy court in Cecil county. Which were read.