

when, and as far as possible, the objects for which such monies has been drawn; especially what proportion thereof has been assigned for purchasing the property, and erecting the requisite improvements thereon, as well as for the repairs thereof; what proportion thereof has been applied to providing a sufficient stock of materials required for conducting their various manufactories, and what proportion thereof has from time to time been applied to the incidental expenses, and to maintaining the prisoners therein confined.

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

THURSDAY, December 18, 1823.

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

On motion by Mr. Pitt, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to prevent the destruction of sheep in Dorchester county. Ordered, that Messrs. Pitt, Hutson and Willis, report the same. Mr. Pitt reports said bill; which was read.

Mr. Franklin presents a petition from Stephen Purnell, praying that Thomas N. Williams and George Hayward, or either of them be authorised to make a conveyance to him; read and referred to Messrs Franklin, Purnell and Riley. Also a petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, for a change in the place of holding the election in the fourth election district; read and referred to Messrs Franklin, Purnell and Riley.

On motion by Mr. Bratton, Ordered, that the bill to alter the time of holding the county courts in the several counties therein mentioned, be recommitted.

The bill for the benefit of Susanna Joiner, of Kent county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, Ordered, that the petition of John Hepburn, presented to this house at the last session, be referred to the auditor of the state, and that he is hereby requested to examine the same and report thereon as soon as convenient.

On motion by Mr. E. B. Duvall, Ordered, that the bill to alter and amend such parts of the constitution as relate to the election of the senate and council to the governor of this state, have a second reading on the second Tuesday in January next.

Mr. Turbutt presents a petition from Isaac Lyon of Frederick county, praying a special act of insolvency; read and referred to Messrs Turbutt, Cromwell and Merrick.

Mr. Peter reports a bill entitled, an act to establish the electoral districts for president and vice president of the United States; which was read and ordered to have a second reading on the first Monday in January next.

The speaker laid before the house a report from Thomas Kennedy, Esq. the states' agent for the Western shore; read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 17, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—We agree to your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee to enquire into the propriety of reorganising the penitentiary institution, and have appointed Messrs Bowie, Dickenson and Winder on the part of the senate to confer with the gentlemen named in your message. By order, W. KILTY, Clk.

Which was read. And the following resolutions:

The legislature of Maryland will view with concern any attempt to control the election of president and vice president of the United States, by means of a congressional caucus.

The constitution of the United States has assigned to Congress certain rights and duties in regard to that election, concerning the performance of which, at the proper time and in the proper place, it is unwise and injudicious for members of Congress previously to pledge or commit themselves.

To the people the same instrument has assigned other rights and duties, which the Legislature of Maryland believe they are perfectly competent to perform without the corrective interposition of any other tribunal, and more especially of that one, which, of all others, should be most free from the influence of preconcerted arrangement.

When the people shall have failed to make the election, then, and not till then, will the period arrive for the members of Congress, acting as the representatives of the American people, to decide on the qualifications and merits of the respective candidates.

Therefore, *Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That they disapprove of, and will discountenance any Congressional caucus nomination at this time of President and Vice President of the United States, and that the Senators and Representatives of this state in Congress, be requested to use their influence to prevent the same.

*Resolved*, That a copy of this preamble and resolution be forthwith transmitted by his Excellency the Governor, to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Which was read.

By order

W. KILTY, Clk.

Mr. Franklin reports a bill entitled, an act to change the place of holding the election in the fourth election district in Worcester county; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Boon, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to limit and ascertain the number of justices of the peace in the several counties in this state. Ordered, that Messrs Boon, Merrick, Pitt, Dennis and Lockerman, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Kilgour, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to provide a summary mode of recovering the possession of lands and tenements holden by tenants for years, or for life, after the expiration of their time. Ordered, That Messrs Kilgour, M'Henry and M'Mahon report the same.