

On motion by Mr. Spencer, the question was put, that the following be inserted, "one copy for each of the members of the Legislature who wishes one, and two copies for the Legislature of Pennsylvania; and that each member who wishes a copy, leave his name with the Sergeant at Arms. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Loockerman moved to reconsider the question proposing to fill the blank with "thirty." Resolved in the affirmative. The question was then put on thirty. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the same was referred to the first day of June next.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message.

BY THE SENATE, December 19, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—We agree to your message proposing a joint committee to visit and inspect the Penitentiary, and have appointed Messrs. Winder, Johnson, Miller, Brownley and Quinton, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your house. By order,  
W. KILTY, Clerk.

The speaker appointed Messrs. Pitt, W. Duvall, Edelin, Norris, Moffit, Gerry and Johnson, to unite with the gentlemen named by the Senate in the foregoing message.

On motion by Mr. Chesley, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled an act to exempt from distress for rent negro slaves or servants, which are not bonafide, the property of the person liable to such rent. Ordered that Messrs. Chesley, Kilgour & W. G. D. Worthington, report the same.

Mr. Crumwell presents a petition from Elias H. Harding of Frederick county, praying a special act of insolvency, read and referred to Messrs. Crumwell, Kemp and Turbutt.

The supplement to the act, entitled an act, relating to the Levy Court of Baltimore county, was read the second time, by special order and passed.

On motion by Mr. Kilgour, ordered, that the bill relative to negroes and slaves have a second reading on the 2nd Monday in January next. The house adjourns until to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, December 20, 1823.

The house met and adjourned until Monday the 29th inst.

MONDAY, December 29, 1823.

The house met.

The speaker being absent, the house proceeded to ballot for a speaker pro tem. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box; on examination thereof, it appeared that Daniel C. Hopper, esq. was elected. The proceedings were read.

Levin Lake, esq. a delegate returned for Dorchester county appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. W. Duvall presents a petition from Susannah Boon, of Montgomery county, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. W. Duvall, Williams and Peter.

Mr. Loockerman presents a petition from Thomas Robson, of Talbot county, praying he may be authorised to sell wood from the land of his children; read and referred to Messrs. Loockerman, Lloyd and Martin. Also, a petition from John Craw, of Talbot county, praying a special act of insolvency; read and referred to Messrs. Loockerman, Lloyd and Martin.

Mr. Gough presents a petition from Juliet Owings, of Saint Mary's county, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Gough, Leigh and Millard.

Mr. Henderson presents a petition from the directors of the Elkton Bank of Maryland, counter to the petition of Thomas Philips; read and referred to the committee appointed on his petition.

Mr. Iglehart presents a petition from Ann Reeves, of Anne Arundel county, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Iglehart, C. R. Stewart and Linthecum.

Mr. Bowles presents a petition from Anthony Snyder, of Washington county, praying permission to bring into this state a negro slave; read and referred to Messrs. Bowles, Merrick and M'Mahon.

On motion by Mr. Millard, ordered that the bill to pay the civil list and other expenses of civil government, have a second reading on the 20th January next.

Mr. Henderson presents a petition from Enoch Cloud, of Cecil county, praying to be released from the payment of his bond to the state of Maryland; read and referred to Messrs. Henderson, Loockerman and Gerry.

Mr. Elijah Barwick presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of the village of Hillsborough, in Caroline county, praying for the repeal of an act appointing commissioners for the regulation and improvement of the same; read and referred to Messrs. Elijah Barwick, Douglass and Meeoniken.

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

TUESDAY, December 30, 1823.

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

The supplement to the act relating to the levy court of Baltimore county, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Carroll presents a petition from Ann Steward, of Anne Arundel county, praying for support, read and referred to Messrs. Carroll, Linthecum, Hughes, Howard and Iglehart.

Mr. Ireland presents a petition from James Parnell, of Cecil county, praying that a new warrant of election may issue inasmuch as due notice has not been given; read and referred to the committee of elections and privileges.