

confirm an act entitled, an act to repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the division of Anne Arundel county into five separate election districts, and for other purposes, passed at December session, 1822; endorsed will pass; ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Bova delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the village of Hillsborough, in Caroline county, for the repeal of an act entitled, an act appointing commissioners for the regulation and improvement of said village, beg leave to report—

That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that it is inexpedient to repeal said law, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Ck.

Which was concurred with.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill for the relief of Richard Batturs, of the city of Baltimore.

The bill to incorporate the Sharpsburgh fire company; and the bill to authorise the levy court of Washington county to levy a sum of money for the erection of a bridge over the Antietam at Frederick Zigler's Ford; endorsed will pass; ordered to be engrossed; and delivers a bill entitled, an act to confirm an act passed at December session, 1822, entitled, an act to alter and change all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the oaths to be taken by the members of the senate and house of delegates, and also the officers therein mentioned; endorsed, will pass; which was read; also, the bill to repeal an act passed at November session, 1812; endorsed, will pass; ordered to be engrossed; and the following message:

BY THE SENATE, January 14, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—We have received your message proposing a joint committee to revise and cause to be published, the constitution of the state. The senate are not prepared to commit themselves on the subject of the necessity for such a measure, but would concur in a proposal to submit the consideration thereof to a joint committee. If you shall agree with us in this view of the subject we would name Messrs. Chambers, Fenwick and Johnson, to unite with a committee to be named by you.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Ck.

On motion by Mr. W. G. D. Worthington the following message was read, assented to and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 14, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*,—We have received your message respecting the appointment of a committee on the subject of the constitution of this state, we concur therewith and nominate on the part of this house Messrs. W. G. D. Worthington, Pitt, Lookerman, Edmund B. Duvall and Kilgour, a committee to meet the gentlemen you have appointed.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Ck.

On motion by Mr. W. D. G. Worthington, the bill relative to a reform of the constitution, was referred to the joint committee appointed on that subject.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the order relative to purchasing an atlas, was reconsidered and postponed.

Mr. Lookerman presents a petition from Edward Markland; and Mr. Steel presents a petition from Mary Coin; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

The speaker appointed Mr. Fisher in the place of Mr. Fenwick on the committee to examine engrossed bills.

Mr. Edelen obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, an act to appoint a printer to the state; ordered that Messrs. Edelen, Dennis and Semmes report the same.

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

THURSDAY, January 15, 1824.

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

The resolutions in favor of Thomas Chapman, Joseph Cresap, Standley Robinson, Robert Wilmott, Henry Perry, Isaac Holland, Joseph Williams, James Ruark, William Lewis, Elizabeth Armstrong, Benjamin West, Catharine Plane and James M'Collister, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Nicholson obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act relating to the village of Church Hill, in Queen Ann's county, passed at December session, 1817. Ordered, that Messrs Nicholson, Hopper and Meconiken, report the same.

Mr. Gerry presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying that the levy court may be directed unconditionally, to levy the money directed by the act of 1822, to build a bridge over Octorara creek; referred to Messrs Gerry, Henderson and Bryan.

Mr. Cromwell presents a petition from sundry persons of Frederick and Washington counties, counter to the petition for building a bridge at Harper's ferry over the river Potomac; referred to Messrs Cromwell, Merrick and Bowles.

Mr. Ireland presents a petition from Sarah Groome, praying the orphans court may appoint three persons to lay off her right of dower in the lands therein mentioned; referred to Messrs Ireland, Garner and Gale.

The bill for the benefit of the Deer creek Monthly meeting of the people called Quakers, in Harford county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. W. Stewart obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, an act for the better regulation of