

within the limits of the territory claimed by Calvert county, praying they may not be included within the lines of Calvert county; referred to the committee on the report of the commissioners.

Mr. Millard reports a bill entitled, an act concerning divorces. Mr. E. B. Duvall reports a bill for the benefit of Fielder Cross, of Prince George's county, and Mr. Sewell reports a bill entitled, an act authorising the levy court of Harford county to open certain roads.

Mr. Kemp obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to incorporate Frederick Town, in Frederick county. Ordered, that Messrs Kemp, Cromwell and Turbutt, report the same.

The additional supplement to the act entitled, an act to provide for a new assessment and to appoint collectors of the tax in and for the city and county of Baltimore, was read the second time. Mr. J. T. H. Worthington moved to refer the same to the 1st June next. Determined in the negative. The question was then put, shall the said bill pass. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs Speaker, Gough, Millard, Ireland, Hodges, Howard, Chesley, C. R. Stewart, Fiehart, Rogerson, Garner, Johnson, Loockerman, Dashiell, Pitt, Willis, Henderson, Bryan, E. B. Duvall, Hughes, Meconiken, Moffett, Slemaker, Franklin, Sewell, E. Barwick, W. Stewart, Bowles, Merrick, Peter, Kilgour, Williams, Bruce, Sprigg, McHenry. 35.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Linthicum, J. T. H. Worthington, Ely, Lloyd, Brattan, Hutson, Riley, Turbut, Fisher, Cromwell, Norris, Steele, Douglass, Kershner.—14.

Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following letters:

IN COUNCIL, Annapolis, January 17, 1824.

Gentlemen—He send enclosed to the General Assembly, a letter from J. S. Spence, Esq, acknowledging the receipt of the preamble and resolution of the legislature, respecting congressional caucus. We have the honor to be, with great respect, your ob't servt.

SAMUEL STEVENS, Jr

The honorable, the President of the Senate, and
The honorable the Speaker of the House of Delegates,

WASHINGTON, 15th Jan. 1824.

Sir—I have received, and will respectfully consider, the resolution of the legislature of Maryland, relative to a nomination of candidates, for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States. Permit me to express, my respect for the legislature and executive council. I have the honor to be, with high consideration, your ob't serv't.

JOHN S. SPENCE.

N. PINKNEY, Esq.

Which were read. And a bill, entitled an act authorising certain powers of attorney therein described, to be read in evidence; which was twice read by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Wooton reports a bill, entitled an act to establish state ware houses for the inspection of tobacco in the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Dashiell reports a bill, entitled an act for the benefit of the infant children and heirs at law of Jesse Wainright, late of Somerset county, deceased.

Mr. C. R. Steward, reports a bill, entitled an act to prevent the opening of the old road therein mentioned, in Anne Arundel county; and Mr. Cromwell reports a bill entitled an act for the benefit of Daniel Shawen of Frederick county.

On motion by Mr. Howard the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the western shore pay to Ramsey Waters, register in Chancery, or order, the sum of _____ dollars, as a compensation for his services in examining and counting the papers of the former registers in chancery, in compliance with a resolution passed at December session 1822.

The bill authorising the Levy Court of Harford county to open certain roads; was read the second time by special order, and will pass.

On motion by Mr. Millard the following order was read.

Whereas numerous individual injuries have occurred in this state from the elopement of slaves, and whereas, no sufficient means have been furnished to the citizens of this state, to recover the possession of such slaves, and therefore, the provision of the constitution of the national government on this subject, is rendered unavailing; and as outrages of the most enormous character have been perpetrated on men, who when seeking their just rights in the state of Pennsylvania, associations having been formed to assail the claimant of any colored man, and have proceeded to unwarrantable personal attacks in subjecting to ignominious imprisonment honorable men, (which fact has come to the knowledge of many members of this house) upon the false and wicked pretense that they were kidnappers, and as the laws of Pennsylvania furnish no adequate remedy against this growing evil, and as the same difficulties exist, and the same dangers attend all persons pursuing their property. Therefore, ordered, that a committee of three be appointed to go forthwith to Harrisburg, in Pennsylvania, who are here by instructed to exert all their ability and diligence, to procure a law increasing the fine upon persons protecting and secreting slaves, the property of citizens of this state, and to aggravate the punishment upon persons resisting the execution of their laws in attacking the rightful owners of such slaves, and that the county and borough constables, be required to render every assistance in arresting the runaway slaves from Maryland; and that a law be passed prescribing