

Mr. John Edelen obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act relating to constables bonds. Ordered, That Messrs. John Edelen, Chapman and M'Mahon, report the same.

Mr. Kilgour obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act dividing Saint Mary's county into five election districts. Ordered, That Messrs. Kilgour, Millard and Gough, report the same.

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to empower sheriffs to give possession of real estate sold by them at public auction. Ordered, That Messrs. Barnes, Merrick and Spencer, report the same.

Mr. Jarrett obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act providing for trespasses committed by horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Jarrett, Estep, Hopper, Cromwell and Bennett, report the same.

Mr. Kemp presents a petition from Michael Waltman, a revolutionary soldier; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

The clerk of the senate returns the resolution relative to the electors of president and vice-president of the United States, endorsed "assented to."

Mr. Grubb obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act empowering the levy court of Cecil county at their discretion, to levy a sum of money to build a bridge over Octorara Creek in said county, at or near Samuel Rowland's store. Ordered, That Messrs Grubb, Ewing and Thomas, report the same.

Lewis S. Klipstine, esquire, a delegate returned for Allegany county, appeared, qualified and took his seat. The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock,

THURSDAY, December 9, 1824.

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

James A. D. Dalrymple, esq. a delegate returned for Calvert county, and Edward Lloyd, jun. esq. a delegate returned for Talbot county, appeared, qualified and took their seats.

The speaker laid before the house returns from the clerks of Queen-Anne's, Dorchester and Washington counties, relative to the attendance of the judges; referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice. Also a communication from the treasurer of the western shore relative to the receipts from the inspection of tobacco; which was read.

Mr. Nicholson presents a petition from James Duhamel, of Queen-Anne's county, praying that John Hackett, esquire, be authorised to sell and convey eleven acres of land in said county; referred to Messrs. Nicholson, Wright and Roberts.

Mr. Roberts presents a report from the state's agent for the eastern shore; read and referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. Kemp presents a petition from Elizabeth Shotts, widow of a revolutionary soldier, and Mr. Merrick presents a petition from Lethe Willis, widow of Andrew Willis, a revolutionary soldier; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

The speaker announced Messrs. Lee, John Edelen, Steele, M'Mahon, Howard, Estep, Wootton, Roberts and Farquhar, to be the committee on roads and canals.

Mr. Jarrett presents a petition from Richard Hopkins and Fanny Hopkins, of Harford county. And Mr. Tyson presents petitions from Ann Williams, and Sarah Kerr, praying to be divorced; referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Carroll delivers the following report:

The committee appointed to report the rules proper to be observed during this session, beg leave to submit the following:

1. At the hour appointed for sitting, the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

2. Every member shall take his seat when the speaker takes his chair.

3. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall rise uncovered in his place, and respectfully address himself to the speaker or chairman, as it may be.

4. No member, at the time of speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

5. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall determine which shall speak first.

6. No member shall speak a second time, until every member who offers to deliver his sentiments has spoken once, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the house.

7. Any member called to order, by the speaker, or by any member, shall thereupon take his seat.

8. When the house is sitting, no member shall hold conversation to interrupt debate.

9. No motions shall be debated until the same be seconded, and (if desired by the speaker or any member) reduced to writing, delivered in at the table, and read by the clerk.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, or be postponed by a motion for commitment or postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

11. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas and nays shall be taken when required by three members who shall have divided on the question, and whenever the yeas and nays are ordered to be taken, no question of adjournment shall be received or propounded by the speaker until the yeas and nays are called, counted and reported.

12. The previous question, (that is, whether the question propounded be now put,) may be called for by any member, on any question, except to an amendment, or other matter which cannot in its nature be postponed; and if the previous question be determined in the affirmative, the main question shall immediately be put by the speaker.

13. If a question in debate contains more distinct parts than one, any member may of right have the

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