

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

On motion by Mr. McMahon, the following order was read and assented to:

Whereas it appears that from a misapprehension of the effect of the law of the last session, confirmatory of the law of 1822, substituting a new oath of office in the stead of those prescribed by the constitution of Maryland, the oath to support the constitution of the United States appears not to have been taken; therefore, be it ordered by the House of Delegates, That the several members thereof qualify as such, by taking this additional oath necessary, in order to their qualification.

The house qualified accordingly.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-three, entitled, An act to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly of this state, and for other purposes, endorsed "will pass;" which was read.

Also the resolution relative to General La Fayette, endorsed "assented to."

Also the following messages:

BY THE SENATE, December 10, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate propose an interchange of services between the Rev. Dr. Rafferty who is appointed to perform divine service in the senate, and the reverend gentleman appointed by your house.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

BY THE SENATE, December 10, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have received your message of the 9th inst. proposing a joint committee to consider and report upon the subject of the constitution and laws of this state

The senate although not entirely satisfied of the uncertainty, difficulty and confusion, suggested by your message, cheerfully concur in your proposition to appoint a committee of conference on the subject. Messrs. Chambers, Johnson and Bowie, have been named on the part of the senate, to unite with the gentlemen from your house

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

BY THE SENATE, December 13, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate concur in the proposal contained in your message of this morning, to go into the election of the governor at one o'clock to day. No person is put in nomination by this house in addition to the gentlemen nominated by you. Messrs. Brownley and Dickinson, are appointed by the senate to join the gentlemen selected by you, to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Jarrett, Ordered, That the committee of grievances and court of justice be requested to inquire into the expediency of dispensing in judicial proceedings with the imparlance court, and the right of supersedeas in all cases, and report the same to this house.

Mr. McMahon obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to confirm and make valid the proceedings of the house of delegates since the commencement of its present session. Ordered, That Messrs. McMahon, John Edelen and Teackle, report the same.

Mr. Speed asked leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to tax certain offices, passed the 13th February, 1824. Ordered, That the committee of ways and means report thereon.

Mr. Boon obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Sarah Cheezum, a convict prisoner in the gaol of Caroline county. Ordered, That Messrs. Boon, Brown and Hardcastle, report the same.

Mr. Tyson obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and abolish so much of the constitution of the state of Maryland as relates to the oath to be taken by the senators and delegates previous to the election of governor and council. Ordered, That Messrs. Tyson, Merrick, McMahon, Wright and Hopper, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Eccleson, Ordered, That the committee of ways and means be directed to inquire into the expediency of taxing pleasure carriages

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to facilitate the administration of justice within this state. Ordered, that Messrs. Barnes, Cromwell and Kemp, report the same.

Mr. Jarrett obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the following officers fees: The clerks of the county courts, the registers of wills, sheriffs and surveyors. Ordered, That Messrs. Jarrett, Tyson, Chapman, Spence, Dennis, Norris and Roberts, report the same.

On motion by Mr. McMahon the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 13, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Since we have forwarded our message proposing to go into the election of governor, we have discovered that Samuel Stevens, the present incumbent of the office, is usually designated by the name of Samuel Stevens, junior. In correction of this apparent error, we beg leave to inform you, that Samuel Stevens, junior, is the person put in nomination by this house.

And the question put, That the house assent to the same? Determined in the negative.

The house having qualified according to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a governor; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired to the conference room, and after sometime returned and reported, that Samuel Stevens was elected. Whereupon Resolved, That Samuel Stevens be, and he is hereby declared to be, governor of Maryland.

On motion by Mr. Speed, Ordered, That the committee of grievances and courts of justice, be directed to ascertain and report to this house, the condition of the auditor's office of this state, embracing in this report a statement of the duties and perquisites of said office, and their views of its utility in the government.

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