

Mr. Millard presents a petition from Benjamin Cromwell, praying for a divorce; referred to the committee on similar subjects.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from Peter Robertson, praying for a special act of insolvency; referred to the committee on similar subjects.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, Ordered, That the register of the chancery court report to this house, at as early a period as possible, the number of cases remaining in said court undetermined, and the length of time they have remained there; also the number of cases in which the papers have been lost, and the number of decisions made within the two last years, ending on the first day of November 1824.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 14, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message proposing an interchange of services between the Reverend Doctor Rafferty, the chaplain to the senate, and the Reverend Mr. Griffith, chaplain to the house of delegates, and concur therewith.

By order, JOHN BREWER, Clk.

The bill to authorise Samuel Gilmore, of Cecil county, to record a lease, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, an additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate public ferries, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from John C. King, praying a special act of insolvency; referred to the committee on similar subjects.

Mr. Barnes presents a petition from sundry tobacco planters of Frederick county, praying a modification or repeal of the act passed at the last session for the appointment of state inspectors of tobacco; referred to Messrs. Barnes, Wootton, M. Mahon, Lee, Kemp, John Edelen, Dalrymple, Fouke and Spencer.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 14, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing to go into the election of a council to the governor at 12 o'clock to day. We shall not be prepared before 2 o'clock, P. M. at which hour we propose to go into the election. No person is put in nomination by the senate in addition to the gentlemen named in your message. We have appointed Messrs. Quinton and Claude, to join the gentlemen named by you, to count the ballots and report the result.

By order, WM KILTY, Clk.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 14, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message proposing to go into the election of a council to the governor at two o'clock P. M. and concur therein.

By order, JOHN BREWER, Clk.

Mr. Grubb reports 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.

The house having qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a council to the governor.

The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired to the conference room; and after some time returned and reported, that Philemon Chew, Thomas Emory, Robert H. Archer, Joseph Gabby, and Joshua Prideaux, were elected.

Whereupon resolved, That Philemon Chew, Thomas Emory, Robert H. Archer, Joseph Gabby, and Joshua Prideaux, be, and they are hereby declared to be, the council to the governor for the ensuing year. The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY. December 15, 1824.

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

Mr. Kilgour reports a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the proceedings of certain commissioners appointed to divide St. Mary's county into five separate election districts by virtue of an act passed at December session 1822, and confirmed at December session 1823; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Worthington obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain and fix the salary of the clerk of the council. Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Merrick and Millard, report the same.

Mr. Farquhar presents a petition from Ann Isett, of Frederick county, praying a divorce; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the Auditor-General, in compliance with an order of this house; referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

On motion by Mr. Carroll, Ordered, That the bill to confirm an act to change the time of the meeting of the general assembly have a second reading on the 16th of January next.

Mr. Garner obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the education of poor children in this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Garner, Wootton, Millard, R. Edelen, Williams, Dalrymple and Roberts, report the same.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of Harford county, and for other purposes. And the bill to alter and change the name of John Staup, of Baltimore county, to John Staup Murray, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

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