

If this proposition should meet with your concurrence, Messrs. Scott, Thomas and Miller, are named as a committee on the part of the senate, to confer with such gentlemen of your honourable body as you may think proper to select for that purpose.

By order, WM. KILTY, Clk.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the state's agent for the western shore, which was referred to the committee of ways and means.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 16, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message proposing to appoint a committee of conference to contract for the printing of the daily proceedings of the legislature, and inform your honourable body that the committee of claims have already contracted for the printing of said proceedings.

By order, JOHN BREWER, Clk.

Mr. Norris moved to insert the words "under an order of this house," after the words "committee of claims?" Determined in the negative.

The message was then assented to, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message proposing to adjourn from the 24th December to the 3d January, and dissent therefrom, but propose, with your concurrence, to adjourn from the 24th to the 27th inst.

Mr. Merrick offered the following as a substitute:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 16, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message proposing a recess of the legislature from the 24th inst. until Monday the 3d day of January, and aware that it will be difficult, if not impracticable, to maintain a quorum during that season, and that the public interest will not suffer by acceding to your proposition, as this is probably the last session in which it will become necessary to give our assent.

Mr. Duvall moved the following as an amendment: "and that no per diem be paid to any member during the recess who returns to his home, or to the delegates of the city of Annapolis."

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, "or leaves the seat of government," was inserted in said amendment after the word "home."

The question was then put on the amendment as amended. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Thomas moved to add the following to the message: "upon condition that the members of the legislature shall not be entitled to any per diem during said recess." And the question was put, That the house assent to the same? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

Affirmative—Speaker, Ireland, Beckett, Parran, Dalrymple, Weems, Shower, Worthington, Price, Turner, Bennett, Spencer, King, Eccleston, Travers, Thomas, Henderson, Ewing, Grubb, Raphael C. Edelen, Duvall, Carroll, Hopper, Nicholson, Barnes, Cromwell, Hope, Norris, Montgomery, Boon—30.

Negative—Hawkins, Gough, Kilgour, Millard, Harris, M. Clean, Hodges, John Edelen, Chapman, Rogerson, Garner, Reyner, Dennis, Teackle, Sullivane, Peach, Roberts, Wright, Williams, Tingle, Parker, Hooper, Farquhar, Kemp, Jarrett, Hardcastle, Brown, Howard, Tyson, Fouke, White, Merrick, Wilson, Beall, Lee, Lansdale, Hoffman, M. Mahon, Klipstine—39.

The question was then put on the message proposed by Mr. Merrick? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. M. Mahon, the following order was read:

Ordered, That no member of the house of delegates absent himself therefrom during the present session without the leave of the house first had and obtained.

Mr. Nicholson moved the following as a substitute:

Ordered, That if any member of this house absent himself from the seat of government, without leave being previously obtained, he shall forfeit the whole of his per diem.

Determined in the negative.

The order proposed by Mr. M. Mahon was then assented to.

Mr. Howard from the joint committee delivers the following report:

The joint committee appointed to arrange the reception of General La Fayette beg leave to report in part that they recommend the following plan

On Monday at noon, the general will be conducted by the committee of arrangement to the state house and be received by the governor and council in the executive chamber.

Upon an invitation from the senate he will visit that body accompanied by the governor and council, and on his entrance into the senate chamber will be welcomed by the president. The senate will then adjourn and be individually introduced.

After the ceremony of his reception by the senate shall be over, and notice thereof given by the senate, the doors communicating with the two legislative chambers will be thrown open, and a committee from the house of delegates proceed to the senate chamber, and invite the general, the executive and senate to the house, where he will be welcomed by the speaker.

The house upon motion will then adjourn, and the members be individually presented to the general.

Which was unanimously concurred with

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 16, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have received the report in part, of the joint committee, to arrange the reception of Gen. La Fayette, and have concurred therewith.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Howard, the following message was read and assented to.