

entitled, An act relating to the trial of causes in Baltimore county courts. Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Tyson, Howard, Shower and Turner, report the same.

The speaker laid before the house a certificate from the clerk of Charles county court relative to the attendance of the judges of said court; referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

On motion by Mr. Lee, the house proceeded to take into consideration the message to the senate, which he proposed on the 17th instant, relative to the encouragement given by a portion of the citizens of Pennsylvania to absconding slaves from citizens of this state; and on the second reading thereof, Mr. Speed moved, that after the words "to this end, we propose that a," the following be added thereto as an amendment viz. "letter be addressed to the speaker of the house of delegates, and president of the senate, of the legislature of Pennsylvania."

Mr. Steele moved the following resolution as a substitute for the message and amendment proposed:

Resolved by the senate and house of delegates of Maryland, That the governor and council appoint a commissioner, whose duty it shall be to repair to the seat of government of Pennsylvania, and negotiate with such persons as may be appointed on the part of Pennsylvania, and make such arrangement as may be most convenient to the citizens of Maryland, in recovering their slaves absconding to the state of Pennsylvania.

Which was twice read.

Mr. Jarrett moved so to amend said resolution, as to authorize the appointment of two commissioners, one a resident of the western shore, and the other of the eastern shore

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the question was put, That the further consideration of the subject be postponed, and that the same be referred to a select committee consisting of five members? Resolved in the affirmative. Whereupon it was ordered, that Messrs. Lee, M. Mahon, Jarrett, Spencer and Speed, be the committee to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled, "An act to ascertain and fix the salary of the clerk of the council of this state." was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following messages:

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 21, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We agree to your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee from the two branches of the legislature to visit the penitentiary, and to report the situation of the same, with power to send for and examine persons, books and papers, relative to the administration of the said institution; and have appointed Messrs. Scott, Thomas and Brownly, on the part of the senate, to join the gentlemen named for that purpose on the part of your honourable body.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

BY THE SENATE, December 21, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We agree to your message proposing a committee of conference on the subject of a recess, and have appointed Messrs. Scott and Dickinson, on the part of the senate, to confer with the gentlemen named in your message.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

BY THE SENATE, December 21, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message in reply to the message of the senate, proposing to appoint a joint committee of conference to contract for the printing of the daily proceedings of the legislature, and regret that your honourable body have thought fit to depart from the established usage hitherto adopted by the two branches of the legislature, which usage had been adopted at the suggestion of the senate.

The senate cannot recognize in the house of delegates the exclusive right to contract for the printing of the proceedings of the legislature, and again propose to appoint a joint committee of conference on that subject.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

Which were severally read.

Mr. Gantt reports a bill, entitled, An act to change the place of holding the elections in the second election district in Anne-Arundel county; which was twice read by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Rogerson presented petitions from Samuel Robey and Eleanor his wife, and also Catharine Nally, of Charles county, praying for pensions; referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Eccleston obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act to limit the emoluments of the register of wills of Baltimore county, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Eccleston, Tyson and Howard, report the same.

Mr. Tyson reports a bill, entitled, An act to afford relief to the bona fide holders of negotiable securities, without notice that they were given for a usurious consideration.

Mr. Kemp reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the congregation of the German Reformed Church in Middletown, in Frederick county, to raise a sum of money by lottery to defray the expenses, in part, of building their church in said town. Ordered, That the said bill be read a second time on the 17th day of January next.

Mr. Duvall from the committee of conference on the part of this house, in relation to the subject of the Christmas recess, proposed by the message of the senate, delivers the following report:

The committee of conference on the message from the senate for a recess, report—That the joint committee of conference propose a recess of the legislature from Friday next the 24th instant, until Monday the 3d day of January next.

Which was twice read, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Spencer obtained leave to bring in a bill to change the time of holding the elections for electors of the senate of this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Spencer, M. Mahon and Boon, report the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message