

And the question was put, That the same have a second reading? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Kemp presents a petition from Robert G. Russell, of Frederick county, referred to the committee on insolvencies.

Mr. Hope presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for a bridge over the Little Falls of Gunpowder at the Slack Ford; referred to Messrs. Hope, Worthington and Jarrett.

Mr. Shower presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying for a law to build a bridge over Gunpowder falls, near Shauck's mill. Ordered, That Messrs. Shower, Worthington and Turner, report the same.

Mr. Hope presents a petition from Elizabeth Shaw, of Harford county, praying a divorce; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

The resolution relative to the school fund in Montgomery county was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Lee, the same was withdrawn.

Mr. King presents a petition from col. Richard Waters, of the city of Baltimore, soliciting the appointment of register of wills for Baltimore county, and setting forth his claims; read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lee obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. Lee, Wilson and Lansdale, report the same.

Mr. Thomas reports a bill, entitled, An act to require the judges of the levy court of Cecil county to publish their proceedings.

Mr. Turner presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying an alteration in the tenth election district; referred to Messrs. Turner, Worthington and Price.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 4th, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

The memorial of col. Richard Waters, of the city of Baltimore, has been received by this house, and read, and we now transmit the same to your honourable body.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 5, 1825.

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

The bill requiring the judges of the county courts of the fourth judicial district of this state, to set apart certain days for the transaction of chancery business in said courts; and the message, with Colonel Waters's petition, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Brown presents a petition from John Vance, of Caroline county, praying a change in his name; referred to Messrs. Brown, Boon and Hardecastle.

And a petition from Elizabeth Carroll, of Caroline county, for a divorce; referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Millard presents a petition from Arthur Wise, of Charles county, a coloured man, formerly of Virginia, praying his removal may not destroy his freedom; referred to Messrs. Millard, Merrick and John Edelen.

Mr. Farquhar presents a petition from Elizabeth Donnelly, widow of Patrick Donnelly; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the treasurer of the western shore, in compliance with an order of this house.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from Joseph Jameson, praying for the incorporation of the Baltimore Gun-Powder Company; referred to Messrs. Howard, Tyson and Merrick.

Mr. Rogerson presents a petition from Zephaniah Farran, of Charles county; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Brown presents a petition from John Duggis, of Caroline county, praying for support; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Howard presents a memorial from Marbury Parks, and others, praying for the incorporation of the United Beneficial Society of Baltimore; referred to Messrs. Howard, Tyson and Millard.

Also a memorial from William B. Barney, praying for a law to facilitate the erection of a light-house on Pool's Island; referred to Messrs. Howard, Tyson and Norris.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of repealing or modifying an act, entitled, An act to prevent the issuing of small bank notes, passed at November session, 1812, chap. 134, and an act supplementary thereto, passed at December session, 1820, chap. 150. Ordered, That Messrs. Merrick, Henderson, Lacey, Barnes and Spencer, be said committee.

On motion by Mr. Steele, Ordered, That all the reports of the academies and commissioners of the school fund, in the different counties in this state, be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the speaker. Ordered, That Messrs. Steele, Gantt and Millard, be said committee.

Mr. Speed obtained leave to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting writs of inquiry. Ordered, That Messrs. Speed, Wilson and Tingle report the same.

Mr. Merrick reports a bill, entitled, An act to alter and amend the constitution so as to allow to the city of Baltimore a representation equal to that of the several counties of this state.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from Nixon Wilson, counter to the petitions of Thomas Wilson and Jacob Ayres; referred to the committee on insolvencies.

Mr. Millard obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to build a bridge across Broton's Bay, in Saint Mary's county. Ordered, that Messrs. Millard, Kilgour and Trough, report the same.