

Mr. Farquhar obtained leave to bring in a bill for the relief of Robert Landers, of Frederick county, Ordered, That Messrs. Farquhar, Cromwell and Barnes, report the same. Mr. Farquhar reports said bill.

Mr. Gantt presents a petition from Francis Belmear, and others, praying for a sum to be levied on Prince George's and Anne-Arundel counties, for the building a bridge at or near Rankins' Ford; referred to Messrs. Gantt, Wootton and Estep.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the clerk to the council, endorsed "will not pass." And the 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, endorsed "will pass, with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Jarrett, the following order was read

Ordered, That the several committees appointed on leaves to bring in bills shall report and lay the same on the desk of the speaker on or before the 15th inst. unless a further time be extended by the house for reporting the same, and that all committees hereafter appointed to bring in bills shall report and lay their bills on the speaker's table within five days after such leave.

On motion by Mr. Speed, the question was put, That all from the word "Ordered," to the words "same and," inclusive, be stricken out? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the said order? Determined in the negative.

Mr. M. Mahon obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections. Ordered, That Messrs. M. Mahon, Speed, Chapman, Carroll and Hawkins, report the same.

Mr. Montgomery presents a petition from Abraham Baker, of Hartford county, praying commissioners may be appointed to review a road through his farm; referred to Messrs. Montgomery, Hope and Norris.

Mr. Worthington presents a petition from the levy court of Baltimore county, praying an alteration in the laws respecting runaway negroes; referred to Messrs. Worthington, Shower and Howard.

Mr. Henderson presents a petition from John S. Maffitt, of Cecil county, praying to be refunded money paid the state for land for which he obtained no title; referred to Messrs. Henderson, Thomas and Ewing.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, Ordered, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the number of lottery commissioners from three to one, and to report thereon to this house

Mr. Beckett presents a petition from Thomas C. Gantt, of Calvert county, praying the county court may appoint a trustee to the children of Sarah Beale; referred to Messrs. Beckett, Dalrymple and M. Mahon.

Mr. Jones presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying that a road therein mentioned, may be made public; referred to Messrs. Jones, King and Dennis.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 6, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

This day having been heretofore fixed upon by both houses, for the election of a Register of Wills of Baltimore county, we will, with the concurrence of your honourable body, proceed to that election at 12 o'clock. No additional candidate is put in nomination by us.

Mr. Tyson moved to strike out 12 o'clock, for the purpose of inserting 2 o'clock. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Tyson moved to insert one o'clock. Determined in the negative.

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

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 6, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return you the bill, entitled, An act to ascertain and fix the salary of the clerk of the council, which was rejected by your honourable body on the 5th instant, with a full hope, that on mature reflection, you will reconsider and pass the same.

On motion by Mr. Dalrymple, Ordered, That the executive be requested to communicate to this house, as far as they can ascertain, the quantity of wood annually purchased for the legislature, and that department, as also the terms on which such purchases are made, and whether any part of said wood is consumed by any other of the departments of the government, if so, by whom, and on what authority, and any other information relative to the fuel and its consumption, which they may be enabled to communicate.

Mr. Steele delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Frances Baker, of Dorchester county, for a law to authorise her to open a certain road therein mentioned, report unfavourably on said petition, on the ground, that the act of assembly of last session, chapter 73, fully provides for this case, and gives the levy court of Dorchester county fully and explicitly all the power necessary to enable them to hear and decide on this case. They respectfully recommend, therefore, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition

Which was concurred with.

Mr. Kemp presents a petition from Elizabeth Bryor, and Mr. Carroll a petition from Catharine Plane; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Millard delivers the following report:

The committee to whom all divorce petitions were referred, have had the petition of Ann Isett, of Frederick county, under consideration, and are of opinion, that the said Ann Isett's situation requires legislative aid; they therefore beg leave to offer the accompanying bill.

And a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Ann Isett, of Frederick county.

Ordered, That the bill to prescribe the time which jurors shall serve in Baltimore county court, have a second reading on the 8th instant.