

FRIDAY, January 14, 1825.

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

The further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of Elizabeth Town, in Washington county, to Hager's Town, and to incorporate the same, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Boon presents the report of the Hillsborough School in Caroline county.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from Mary Snowden, of Cecil county, praying a divorce; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Eccleston presents a petition from sundry citizens of Dorchester county, praying the repeal of a law prohibiting the sale of spirits to people of colour; referred to Messrs Eccleston, Steele and Wright.

On motion by Mr. Howard, Ordered, That the bill to incorporate the Baltimore Gunpowder Company, be postponed until Tuesday next.

The bill to incorporate the United Beneficial Society in Baltimore; the bill to reduce the number of the board of trustees of Washington Academy, in Somerset county; and the bill for the benefit of Thomas Lynch and Barnover Kean, of Frederick county, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Howard presents a memorial from the proprietors of Williams' and O'Donnell's tobacco warehouse; referred to the committee on Samuel R. Smith's petition.

Mr. Thomas reports a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of salted fish. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on the 29th January, 1825.

Mr. Speed obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act providing greater security against trespasses on new and uninhabited lands. Ordered, That Messrs Speed, Garner and Merrick, report the same.

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying that the levy court of said county may be authorised to sell the present poor house to purchase a tract of land, and to improve and stock the same, for the better and more economical support of the poor of said county; referred to Messrs. Merrick, Bowles and White.

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying that the levy court of said county may be authorised and required to levy a sum of money for the purpose of building a bridge over the Conococheague, on the road from Hager's town to Mercersburgh; referred to Messrs. Merrick, Fouke and Bowles.

On motion by Mr. Maxey, Ordered, That the treasurer be directed to furnish this house with a classified statement of the payments made during the fiscal year, ending on the 1st Dec. 1824, the vouchers for which were rendered to and examined by the committee of claims.

On motion by Mr. McMahon, Ordered, That the governor be requested to inform this house, at as early a day as it may be practicable, whether any proceedings have as yet been had by the governor and council, under the law of 1818, chapter 206, relative to the adjustment of the western boundary line of this state; and if any, what appointments have been made, and how far the commissioners appointed appear to have progressed in carrying that law into effect, from any official information which may be in the possession of the governor and council; and that he be further requested, to lay before this house copies of the correspondence had by the executive of this state with the executive of the state of Virginia; of the correspondence, if any, in the possession of the governor and council, which may have taken place between the commissioners of this state, and those of the state of Virginia, and of any report which may have been made by the former to the executive of this state.

The bill for the benefit of Michael Lynch, of Frederick county, was read the second time, amended, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Kemp delivers the following report:

The committee of claims, in obedience to an order of the house, directing them "to inquire into and report to this house, whether any money has been appropriated for the payment of newspapers at the last session, and if so in what manner it has been applied," beg leave to report—That it appears from the journal of accounts of last session, that the sum of 140 dollars and two cents was paid to Henry Coulter, the sergeant at arms, at the close of the session, being the amount of accounts of editors of newspapers furnished to him up to that time; that of that sum it appears, the sergeant has paid but two accounts, amounting to \$9 18 cents, and that the balance of \$130 84 cents, due to the different editors of newspapers, remains as yet unpaid, the reason for which neglect the sergeant states to be his having given up, to the committee of claims, the accounts of the editors, at the very close of the session, and omitted to take a memorandum of their different amounts; that he had no means afterwards of obtaining access to those accounts, and consequently could not ascertain the sum that was due to any of the editors, which is the cause of the accounts remaining unpaid. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order, J. COCKEY, Jr. Clk.

Which was read.

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

Ordered, That the committee of claims be instructed to address circulars to the several editors who furnished newspapers to the members of the legislature at the last session; and also those who furnished papers to the members of the present session, requesting them to forward their accounts forthwith, and bring up their accounts, for the papers furnished the present session to the first day of March next.

Mr. Thomas offered the following as a substitute:

Ordered, That the committee of claims be instructed to withhold the per diem of the sergeant at arms until the accounts of the different editors are paid for the newspapers furnished the members of the legislature during the last session.

Mr. Wootton offered the following as a substitute for the substitute: Ordered, That the sergeant at arms pay over to the chairman of the committee of claims, the sum of \$130 84, it being the amount received by the said sergeant at arms for the payment of editors who furnished newspapers to the members of the legislature at the last session, and not applied to that purpose by him; and that the chairman of the committee of claims address a circular requesting said editors to furnish their accounts forthwith.

Mr. McMahon moved to strike out of the same all from the words "committee of claims" to insert "on