

Ordered, That Messrs. Speed, Hawkins and Brooke, be the said committee.

On motion by Mr. Brooke, Ordered, That Messrs. Brooke and Sudler wait upon his excellency the governor, and inform him that a quorum of this house having formed, are ready to proceed to business, and to receive any communication he may think proper to lay before them.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, Ordered, That a committee to consist of seven members be appointed by the speaker, to inquire into the expediency of amending the civil practice as relating to the confinement of our fellow citizens in the common jails of this state.

The speaker appointed Messrs. Teackle, Howard, Chapman, Beckett, Gilpin, Willson and M'Culloh.

Mr. Willson obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the appointment of a chancellor. Ordered, That Messrs. Willson, Barnes, Mitchell, Potter, Maxcy, Goldsborough and Speed, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the following order was read, and ordered to lie on the table:

Whereas the best assurance of free government, and the wealth and happiness of the people, mainly depend upon the general diffusion of useful knowledge; it is therefore Ordered, That a committee of seven members be selected by the speaker, to devise a plan of public instruction for all the youth of this state; that the said committee have power to suggest the means proper to sustain the system to be devised, and to procure all necessary information, and to report the same to this house.

On motion by Mr. Lee, Ordered, That a committee of nine be appointed by the chair, to take into consideration the subject of internal improvements.

The chair appointed Messrs. Lee, Merrick, Goldsborough, Kennedy, Howard, Welch, Kilgour, Reid and Keene.

On motion by Mr. Farquhar, Ordered, That a committee, to consist of three members, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to inquire into and report to this house, the present state of Saint John's College; the manner in which the annual public donation is expended; together with their views of the propriety of continuing such donation.

Ordered, That Messrs. Farquhar, Speed and Cockey, be the said committee.

On motion by Mr. Banning, Ordered, That on Wednesday next this house will go into the election of a Treasurer for the Eastern Shore, at 12 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, Ordered, That the committee of claims, when contracting for supplies for the use of the Legislature, be instructed to give the preference, (when the same can be had of equal quality and price,) to articles of Maryland manufacture.

Mr. Ennalls obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to a supplementary act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. Ennalls, Brohawn and Douglass, report the same.

Mr. Hall obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act passed at December session 1824, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act passed at December session 1806, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Hall, Williams and Edelen, report the same.