

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1826.

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

John G. Chapman, Esquire, a delegate returned for Charles county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, Ordered, That the committee of claims be instructed to procure six copies of Ingersol's Abridgment of the Laws of Congress, for the use of the legislature.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the order relative to the Washington Monument lottery, was read the second time, and the following offered as a substitute:

Ordered, That the president and managers of the Washington Monument lottery be required to report to this house the probable amount of the objects of their expenditure; that they present a detailed estimate of the cost of the contemplated cornice and parapet, as well as the covering of marble slabs, the steps to the several entrances, and the exterior finishing, together with the necessary pavements, and brass and iron railings, for the protection of the monument, and the suitable improvements of the ground to the north and south, for its advantageous effect; and also the cost of the colossal bronze, or marble statue of Washington on the monument, and the trophies and decorations of the basement, as stated in their report to the treasurer of the western shore, in order that the munificent design of the legislature, in the said act, may be justly graduated to the proper means necessary for its completion, without an excessive, profuse or unreasonable expenditure of the public treasures for that object.

On motion by Mr. Howard, Ordered, That the same lie on the table.

Mr. Millard presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, praying for an alteration of the time for holding their county court, and for an increase of pay to jurors; referred to Messrs. Millard, Gough and Hawkins.

Mr. Montgomery obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers. Ordered, That Messrs. Montgomery, Williams and Howard, report the same.

Mr. Perry reports a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal, such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state, as relate to the division of Allegany county into eight separate election districts, passed at December session 1816, and confirmed at Dec. session 1817.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the several members of the general assembly, and the officers thereof, or to their order, the several sums due to them, and for which they shall obtain certificates from the chairman of the committee of claims.

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

By the House of Delegates, January 3, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose with your concurrence, this day at 12 o'clock, to proceed to the election of a council to the governor; Thomas Barber, Lewis Duvall, Robert H. Archer, William Stewart, John Mercer, Daniel Martin, Caleb Parker, William H. Marriott, Joseph Gabby, John N.