

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to appoint trustees for the sale of the property therein mentioned, being the real estate of the late Samuel Stevenson, deceased; the bill to change the name of Octavius Wilkinson and others, of Calvert county; and the bill to confirm an act relative to eight separate election districts in Allegany county, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill to repeal an act, relative to the increase of pay of the judges of the orphans court, so far as relates to Dorchester county, endorsed "will not pass."

Also the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Mutual Insurance Company of Baltimore, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also a petition from the levy court of Somerset county, praying for a sum to be levied for the purpose of procuring a court house, endorsed "read and referred to the house of delegates;" which was read and referred to Messrs. Teackle, B. I. Jones and A. E. Jones.

Also a communication from the executive, with a resolution from the state of Vermont relative to the abolition of slavery.

And a resolution from the state of Tennessee, relative to the mode of electing president and vice-president; referred to the committees on those subjects. Also the following message:

By the Senate, January 21, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate consent to your proposal to go into the election of bank directors on Wednesday next. By order, Wm. Kilty, Clk.

And a memorial from the mayor and city council of Baltimore, praying that part of Pratt-street wharf, reserved for the use of the citizens of the state, may be under their control; referred to Messrs. Tyson, Worthington, Spencer, Howard and Ridgeway.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, he was excused from serving on the committee of grievances and courts of justice, and the speaker appointed Mr. Chapman to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Teackle delivers the following report:

Chamber of the Committee on the Penitentiary;

Saturday, January 21, 1826.

The committee to whom was referred the address of Messrs. M'Donald, and others, directors of the penitentiary, requesting an examination into the condition and administration of that institution, with a view to a correct decision upon the expediency of making a material change in its management, and to ascertain the truth or falsehood of certain rumours in circulation, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, as the result of their deliberations—That the request contained in that address is reasonable, and ought to be acceded to; and that a due regard to the public interest equally demands that examination and inquiry; and to that end the committee would suggest a choice of modes.

1. That the directors, and others concerned in the administration, or supply, of the penitentiary, be required to appear; and that all witnesses, deemed to be necessary to a full elucidation and understanding of the matter, be summoned to testify, at the bar of this house. Or,
2. That a joint deputation from both branches, with power to send for persons and papers, and to examine testimony, be charged to visit the various offices, to examine into and inspect the concerns of the pe;