

endeavoured to interpose the proper checks, and precautionary provisions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

Littleton Dennis Teackle.

Read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from George L. Opperman, praying for a divorce; referred to the standing committee.

Mr. Sappington obtained leave to withdraw certain papers accompanying the memorial of Basil D. Stevenson and others, praying that they may be permitted to sell the real estate therein mentioned.

Mr. Hughlett reports a bill, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners for the purpose of altering the divisional line between the first and second election districts in Caroline county; which was twice read by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Williams, the following order was read and dissented from:

Ordered, That for the greater despatch of business, and for the purpose of bringing this session of the general assembly to a close as early as practicable, consistently with the public interest, this house will hereafter sit from 9 A. M. until 3 P. M. and from 6 P. M. until 9 P. M. during the remainder of the session.

Mr. Spencer presents a petition from William Baker and others, praying relief; referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from many inhabitants of Cecil county, praying a change in the manner of collecting officers fees; referred to Messrs. Thomas, Harlan and Gilpin.

Mr. Merrick reports a bill, entitled, An act respecting the new jail of Washington county.

Also a bill, entitled, An act respecting the town of Clear Spring in Washington county.

And a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Eckstine, of Washington county.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, An act to divorce Elisha Winn and Maty Winn, of the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Gantt reports a bill, entitled, An act to protect the breed of fish in the rivers and waters of Anne-Arundel county.

Mr. Speed reports a bill, entitled, An act regulating appeals from magistrates courts.

On motion by Mr. Montgomery, Ordered, That the report received from the directors of the penitentiary, so far as it relates to the medical department of said penitentiary, be referred to a select committee of five, to be named by the speaker.

The speaker appointed Messrs. Montgomery, Williams, Barrette, Merrick and Willson.

On motion by Mr. Boon, the following message was read and assented to.

House of Delegates, Jan. 24, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

This being the day appointed for filling up the vacancy in the senate of the United States, occasioned by the resignation of the honourable Edward Lloyd, we propose with your concurrence to proceed to said election at 12 o'clock. Ezekiel F. Chambers has been nominated in this house; and we have appointed Messrs. Boon and Duvall to join