

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the following resolution was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

By the House of Delegates, Feb. 20, 1826.

Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That the governor and council be requested to cause a salute to be fired at noon on Wednesday next, the twenty-second day of February, the birth day of the illustrious Washington.

Mr. Kennedy presents a petition from sundry citizens of Williamsport, relative to a fire engine; referred to Messrs. Kennedy, Jacques and Kershner.

Mr. Chapman presents a petition from the justices of the orphans court of Charles county, praying further compensation for their services; referred to Messrs. Chapman, Edelen and Rogerson.

Mr. Speed delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Caton, of the city of Annapolis, have had the same under consideration, and after a full investigation, being satisfied of the justness of his claim, beg leave to report the accompanying resolution, which they earnestly recommend to the adoption of the general assembly:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised, to reimburse to William Caton, of the city of Annapolis, one hundred and thirty-one dollars, which was paid by said Caton, to this state, on the fourth day of October 1816, for a titling for a proclamation warrant.

By order,

Wm. H. Emory, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Boon presents a petition from George Jiant, for support; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Edelen reports a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the erection of fish dams, or other obstructions, across the run at Allen's Fresh, in Charles county.

Mr. B. I. Jones presents a petition from Beacham Ackworth, praying that the relief granted to George Dashiell, former sheriff of Somerset county, may be extended to him as his security; referred to Messrs. B. I. Jones, Teackle and A. E. Jones.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, Ordered, That the clerk number all private or local bills, according to their several dates, and that such bills shall be acted on at the evening sessions only.

The additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, was read the second time.

Mr. Hughes offered the following as an additional clause:

'Be it enacted, That in all cases where any suit or suits shall hereafter be brought in any of the county courts of this state, it shall and may be lawful for the jury trying said cause, if they find the plaintiff to such suit or suits is indebted to the defendant, to ascertain and find the sum so due to the defendant, and to give a verdict accordingly, and it shall be lawful for the court, in all such cases, to enter judgment for the sum so found for the defendant, and his costs, without regard to the amount.'

Mr. Teackle moved the following to be added thereto:

'Nisi cause to the contrary be shewn by the 2d day of the next term.'

Resolved in the affirmative.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Hughes, as amended, was then assented to.

On motion by Mr. Hughes, the title was altered so as to read, 'An