

Which was read, and on motion by Mr. Banning, Ordered, That 500 copies of the same, with the accompanying papers and documents, be printed, under the direction of the committee of claims.

On motion by Mr. Beall, the said order was reconsidered; and on motion by Mr. Tyson, the number was reduced to 300 copies.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough, Leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act passed at December session 1824, requiring the judges of the county courts of the fourth judicial district of this state, to set apart certain days, for the transaction of chancery business, so far as the same has reference to Dorchester county. Ordered, That Messrs. Goldsborough, Wright and Raleigh, report the same.

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

Whereas the government of the United States have, in various instances, appropriated, for the promotion of public instruction in many of these states, large tracts of the public lands: And whereas the state of Maryland was one of the original federation of thirteen states, which so liberally expended the blood and treasure of their citizens in that glorious contest that gave freedom to this favoured land; therefore,

Resolved, That the state of Maryland is justly entitled to a fair and equitable portion of the public lands of the United States for purposes of general instruction and education.

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their best efforts to obtain, for the state of Maryland, a grant of lands for the above purpose.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit to each of our senators and representatives in congress a copy of the preceding preamble and resolutions.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, December 28, 1826.

The house met. Were present the same members on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Tyson presented petitions from Michael D. Young, Rebecca Thrush, Lucinda D. Lusby, and David Green; Mr. Buchanan presented a petition from Sophia Porter; and Mr. Barnes presented one from Adam Finger; each praying a divorce; which were severally referred to the standing committee on that subject.

Mr. Chapman presented a petition from sundry citizens of Charles county, relative to the unrecorded papers in the orphans court of that county; read and referred to Messrs. Chapman, Rogerson and John Hughes.

Mr. Goldsborough presented a petition from John Wheeler, praying that a deed from Elizabeth Wheeler may be made valid; read and referred to Messrs. Goldsborough, Wright and Gibbons.

Mr. Goldsborough presented a petition from Thomas Brerewood and William C. Ridgely, praying for the remuneration of their expenses in attending a trial in Allegany county court; read