

Mr. Montgomery presented a petition from George St. Clair, of Harford county, for relief; referred to Messrs. Montgomery, Sutton and Norris.

Mr. Farquhar presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying that said county may be divided into twelve election districts; referred to Messrs. Farquhar, Barnes and Sappington.

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

By the House of Delegates, Dec. 28, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

A vacancy having occurred in each of the offices of register of wills for Washington and Saint Mary's counties, which having been temporarily supplied by the Executive until the meeting of the general assembly, we propose with the concurrence of your honourable body, to proceed to make these appointments to-morrow at 12 o'clock. The following gentlemen are put in nomination for said offices respectively; that is to say, for Washington county, Daniel Schnebly, and for Saint Mary's county, Enoch J. Millard, Stephen Gough and William T. Maddox.

We have named Messrs. Hall and Hawkins, to join such gentleman as may be named by your honourable body, to count the ballots, and report thereon.

Mr. Goldsborough delivered the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the duty of preparing and reporting Rules and Regulations for the government of the House of Delegates in the conduct of business during this present session, beg leave to report the following rules and regulations, viz.

1st. At the hour appointed for sitting, the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

2d. Every member shall take his seat when the Speaker takes his chair.

3d. Immediately after the reading of the proceedings of the preceding day, the clerk shall announce the bills ready for a second reading, and the orders of the day.

4th. The Speaker will then proceed to announce petitions and memorials in succession.

5th. Orders, leaves to introduce bills and resolutions, will be received.

6th. Reports of standing committees will be in order.

7th. Reports of special committees will be in order.

8th. Bills reported for a first reading will be in order.

9th. The second readings of reports, orders, resolutions and bills, will be taken up and considered in due order.

10th. The order of the day will not be taken up before 12 o'clock, unless all the ordinary business shall have been previously disposed of.

11th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall rise uncovered in his place, and respectfully address himself to the Speaker, or Chairman, as it may be.

12th. No member, at the time of speaking in debate, shall