

the officers thereof, and also to the several members of the present general assembly, and the officers thereof, or to their respective orders, the several sums of money now due, and that may, from time to time, become due to them respectively, and for which they shall obtain certificates from the chairman of the committee on claims of the present house of delegates.

On motion by Mr. Speed, Leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to tax certain offices. Ordered, That Messrs. Speed, Peach and Gantt, report the same.

Mr. Gantt obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to establish election district courts in this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Gantt, Stevens, Millard, Teackle and Maffitt, report the same.

Mr. Tyson obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to provide for a new assessment of real and personal estates, in the city of Baltimore. Ordered, That Messrs. Tyson, Stricker and Hope, report the same.

Mr. Norris reported a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of James Tolley Howard, of Harford county, to James Walter Tolley; which was twice read by special order and passed.

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

FRIDAY, December 29, 1826.

The house met. Were present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. John W. Thomas, who had leave of absence. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to alter and change the name of James Tolley Howard, of Harford county, to James Walter Tolley, and the resolution relative to the payment of the late electors of the senate, the members of the present general assembly, and the officers thereof respectively, were sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. R. Thomas, the message relative to the election of registers of wills for Washington and Saint-Mary's counties, was reconsidered, and the time for said elections postponed until Wednesday next. The message was amended accordingly, and then sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

By the House of Delegates, Dec. 29, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message on the subject of contracting for the printing which may be required during the present session, and seeing no just cause for deviating from the established usage of the two houses in the selection of joint committees, cannot concur in your proposition to increase the number of the committee on the part of the senate to five. We hope your honourable body will reconsider the matter, and concur in the proposition contained in the original message from this house.

By order,

John Brewer, Clk.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from Gide-