

on Pearce, Assistant Clerk of the House of Delegates, accompanied by the draft of a bill, entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one system the several acts of assembly respecting officers fees, for the better regulation of said fees, to establish a more equitable and uniform mode of charging them, among the several and respective public officers throughout this state, and for other purposes, prepared by him, and printed under the authority of the resolution No. 99, passed by both branches of the legislature at their last session; which were severally read; and on motion by Mr. Chapman, it was Ordered, That the said communication and draft be referred to a select committee, consisting of five members, (to be appointed by the speaker,) who are hereby instructed carefully to examine and revise the said draft, and to report thereon to this house, as early as may be practicable, with such modifications, alterations or amendments thereof, as they may deem necessary and proper to make.

The speaker thereupon announced the appointment of Messrs. Chapman, Brooke, Stevens, Hall and Bennett, as the committee authorised by the above order.

Mr. Edward Hughes obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act regulating the service of process by constables. Ordered, That Messrs. Edward Hughes, Crabb and Brooke, report the same.

Mr. Peach obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to the inspection of tobacco in the city of Baltimore, and to repeal parts of acts of assembly heretofore passed on that subject, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Peach, Du Val, Kent, Millard and Tyson, report the same.

Mr. John Hughes obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act regulating fences in Charles county. Ordered, That Messrs. John Hughes, Chapman and King, report the same.

Mr. Hope presented a petition from Charles Robinson, and a petition from Asael Hitchcock; severally read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Tidball presented a petition from Elizabeth Smith, and Mr. Sappington presented a petition from Catherine Will, of Frederick county; each praying for a divorce; referred to the standing committee on that subject.

Mr. Wright presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, relative to draining the lands on and near Tobacco Stick and Parsons Creek; referred to Messrs. Wright, Goldsborough, Rauleigh, Dennis and Banning.

Mr. Armstrong presented a petition from Christian Hershberger, praying a deed may be recorded; referred to Messrs. Armstrong, Tidball and Kidgely; also a petition from John T. Barnes, a free man of colour, in Allegany county; referred to Messrs. Armstrong, Shaw and Hoblitzell; and a petition from Isaac Sweet, a man of colour, in