

a division of the question was called for, and put on the printing of that number of copies? Resolved in the affirmative. The order was then adopted.

The clerk of the senate delivered the following message; which was read:

By the Senate, December 30, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message, proposing on Wednesday next at 12 o'clock to proceed to the election of registers of wills for Washington and Saint Mary's counties, and concur therewith. No person is put in nomination for these offices, in addition to the gentlemen named in your message. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Thomas have been appointed by the senate, to join the gentlemen selected by you, to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

William Kilty, Clk.

And he also delivered at the same time, a communication from the honourable John Compton Weems, a representative in the congress of the United States, from this state, respecting the propriety of locating at Annapolis the Naval Academy contemplated to be established by congress some where, adverting to certain proceedings of the Legislature at the last session, in relation thereto; calling the attention of the present general assembly to that subject, and soliciting such an expression of their opinion as may be deemed correct and useful, which having been referred by the senate to the consideration of this house, was read, and referred to the delegation from the city of Annapolis.

The resolution proposed by Mr. Bennett, on the 27th ultimo, relative to the claim of Maryland to a fair and equitable portion of the public lands of the United States, for purposes of general instruction and education, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate for its concurrence.

Mr. Stricker presented a petition from John Aisquith, praying that the levy court of Baltimore county be empowered to refund certain monies overpaid by the late Robert C. Aisquith; which was read and referred to Messrs. Stricker, Tyson and Nicholson.

On motion by Mr. Stricker, Leave was granted to bring in a bill relating to checks, inland bills of exchange, and promissory notes. Ordered, That Messrs. Stricker, Tyson and Turner, prepare and report the same. Mr. Stricker thereupon reported said bill; which was read and laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. Ridgely, Leave was granted to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the revaluation of the real and personal property in Allegany county, passed at December session 1824. Ordered,