

and that they then and there testify the truth of their knowledge and understanding, of and concerning the subject matter of the inquiry, instituted as above mentioned."

Mr. Ridgely obtained leave to report a bill, to be entitled, An act to alter, repeal and amend, all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state, as provide for filling vacancies in the House of Delegates; and Messrs. Ridgely, Banning and Edward Hughes, were appointed a committee to prepare the same.

Mr. Reyner submitted a motion for leave to report a bill, to be entitled, An act for the destruction of crows in Talbot county; and on motion by Mr. Banning, the same was amended by striking out the words "Talbot county," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words, "the several counties therein mentioned." The leave was then granted, and Messrs. Reyner, Norris and Banning, were appointed a committee to prepare the bill.

Mr. Winchester obtained leave to report a bill, to be entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments; and Messrs. Winchester, Stevens and Barnes, were appointed a committee to prepare the same.

Mr. John W. Thomas obtained leave to report a bill, to be entitled, An act to provide a compensation to brigade inspectors in the militia of this state; and Messrs. J. W. Thomas, Goldsborough, Fitzhugh, Hall and Done, were appointed a committee to prepare the same.

Mr. Stewart obtained leave to report a bill, to be entitled, An act authorising the recording of a deed from Henry Howard, (of John,) to Andrew Anderson; and Messrs. Stewart, Kent and Compton, were appointed a committee to prepare the same.

The speaker announced the appointment of Messrs. Teackle, Speed and Chapman, as a committee authorised by the order adopted the 1st instant, relative to the claims of this state on the government of the United States, for interest on sums of money expended by this state during the late war with Great Britain.

The speaker laid before the house a report of the number of votes taken for and against the establishment of primary schools, in the fourth election district of Prince George's county, made in obedience to the act passed last session, chapter 162; which was referred to the standing committee on public instruction.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, the resolution adopted by the senate, which accompanied the message of the first instant, received from that body, respecting an index to the journal of each house, was again read, and, with the following message in reply, assented to:

By the House of Delegates, January 6, 1827.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message of the 1st inst. conveying a resolution "that the joint committee appointed to contract for the printing of the session, be instructed to contract for an index to the journal of each house," and have adopted the same.

By order, Gideon Pearce, Chief Clk. pro. tem.