

that since their last session, the office of register of wills for Cecil county, became vacant by the death of David Smith Esqr. the late register, and that the executive appointed and commissioned William Alexander Esqr. to hold the said office until the meeting of the General Assembly. Also the following communication from the executive:

*To the Honorable the General Assembly of Maryland.*

IN COUNCIL, Annapolis December 9, 1813.

GENTLEMEN,

We have the honor to transmit herewith copies of a law passed by the legislature of Pennsylvania, entitled, an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the river Delaware and the Chesapeake Bay; and of an extract from a former law of the same legislature, which have been sent to this department, by his excellency governor Snyder, for the purpose of being laid before the General Assembly of Maryland.

We also transmit a resolution passed by the General Assembly of North Carolina, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States. This resolution will receive from the General Assembly, the deliberate attention to which its importance justly entitles it.

We have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servants,

LEVIN WINDER.

Which with the accompanying papers, was read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Potter delivers a bill entitled, an act to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year. Which was read.

Mr. Somorvell delivers a petition from Allen Derner, and a petition from Sylvester Hunt, both of Prince George's county, praying that the Levy Court may be authorised to levy a sum of money for their support; which was read and referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition of Ann Gentle.

Mr. Maulsby delivers a petition from James Garrison of Harford county, praying that a law may pass to vest in him a title in fee simple, to certain lands intended to have been so devised to him by his uncle James Garrison, whose intentions were defeated by an error in drawing his will; which was read and referred to Messrs. Maulsby, Forwood, (of Wm.) and Forwood, (of Jacob.)

Mr. Maulsby delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying that part of a law passed at November session 1811, relating to a road in said county may be repealed; which was read and referred to Messrs. Maulsby, Forwood, (of Wm.) and Forwood, (of Jacob.)

Also a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying a road therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Maulsby, Forwood, (of Wm.) and Dallam.

On motion by Mr. Blackiston, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to repeal an act, passed at November session eighteen hundred and seven, entitled an act to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned, so far as the same relates to Saint Mary's county. Ordered, That Messrs. Blackiston, Causin and Plater be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Quinton delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, praying that a law may pass allowing a premium for the destruction of squirrels in said county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Quinton, Handy and Williams.

Mr. Delaplane delivers a bill entitled, an act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of completing the German Lutheran Church in Taney-town in Frederick county, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Maulsby delivers a petition from James Rhea of Harford county, stating that he is confined in the jail of Harford county, without any hopes of being released except by the interposition of the Legislature, and praying relief; which was read and referred to Messrs. Maulsby, Forwood, (of Wm.) and Dallam.

Mr. John H. Thomas delivers a memorial from Beale Howard, George M'Culloh, and George Robinett, (of Nathan,) counter to the petition of Upton Bruce, Benjamin Tomlinson and Thomas Greenwell; which was read and referred to the committee of elections.

Mr. Parnham from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee appointed to report the rules proper to be observed during the session, beg leave to submit the following:

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

2. Every member shall take his seat when the speaker takes his chair, and remain uncovered until the house rises.

3. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall rise and respectfully address himself to the speaker.

4. No member at the time of speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

5. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall determine which shall speak first.

6. No member shall speak a second time until every member who offers to deliver his sentiments has spoken once.

7. Any member called to order by the speaker, or any member, shall thereupon take his seat.

8. When the house is sitting no member shall hold conversation to interrupt debate.

9. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded, and (if desired by the speaker or any member) reduced to writing, delivered at the table and read by the clerk.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, or be postponed by a motion for commitment or postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.