

On motion by Mr. Mason, *Ordered*, that the committee of claims be directed to procure twelve copies of the laws of the general assembly passed at November session 1812, and a like number of the laws passed at May session 1813, for the use of this house; and a like number of copies of the votes and proceedings of the general assembly for the two sessions above mentioned, and cause the same to be bound.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the following message was read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

The office of register of Wills in Cecil county being vacant by the death of David Smith, the former register, and the expiration of the commission of William Alexander, the late register, who, in the recess of the general assembly was appointed and commissioned by the governor, with the advice of the council, we propose with the concurrence of your house to proceed to an election to supply the vacancy on to-morrow at 12 o'clock. William Alexander and Edward H. Veazey are put in nomination by this house, and we have appointed Messrs Lecompte and Forwood (of Wm.) on the part of this house to join the gentlemen that may be named by you to count the ballots and report thereon.

Mr Lecompte delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the children of Arthur Hughes, late of Dorchester county; which was read.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 15, 1813.

THE House met.—Present the same members as on yesterday.—The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Levin Kimmey, of Caroline county, was read the second time, and the question put, shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Culbreth, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to invest feme covert, with right of dower in equitable estates. *Ordered*, That Messrs. Culbreth, Potter and Dorsey be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Kilgour delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Rockville, in Montgomery county, praying that a law may pass to prevent geese and swine from going at large in said town; which was read and referred to Messrs. Kilgour, Crabb and Jones.

Mr. Maulsby delivers a petition from Solomon Frazier, of Harford county, a revolutionary soldier praying relief; which was read and referred to the committee on soldiers petitions.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the report of the committee, appointed to report rules proper to be observed by the house; and on motion by Mr. Stansbury, the question was put, that the words "without the leave of the speaker" be added to the 28th rule. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Parnham, the question was put, that the following be received as the 40th rule of the house.

40th, All bills or resolutions before they have a second reading in the house, shall, if required by any five members, be committed to a committee of the whole house. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Parnham, the question was put, that the house adopt the following as an additional rule, "all proceedings touching appropriations of money shall be first discussed in a committee of the whole house; unless the house shall dispense with this rule, two thirds of the members present assenting thereto? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Parnham, the question was put, that the house adopt the following as the 41st rule of the house.

41st, It shall be the duty of every committee to whom is referred any petition, of the nature described in resolution number seven, passed at May session 1813, to report whether the petitioner hath complied with the requisitions of said resolution, in giving the necessary notice that such petition would be preferred. Resolved in the affirmative? The question was put, that the house concur in the report of the committee as amended. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Mason delivers a petition from the president and directors of the Potomac Company, praying that the loan of thirty thousand dollars, in six per cent stock, authorised by the last legislature, may be made upon condition that the funds of the company shall be pledged, and bond given for the reimbursement of said loan in six per cent stock of the United States; which was read and referred to Messrs. Mason, Hilleary and Plater.

Mr. Mason delivers a petition from the trustees of the Hager's-Town Academy, praying that the number of trustees may be reduced, and also praying a lottery for the purpose of enlarging their building; which was read and referred to Messrs. Mason, Tilghman and Kershner.

Mr. Potter delivers a petition from Rachel Rowans, of Dorchester county, praying that the state will release to her its claim to certain personal property; which was read and referred to Messrs. Potter, Culbreth and Willis.

Mr. F. M. Hall delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Henry W. Magruder, of Prince George's county; which was read.

The message proposing the election of a Register of Wills for Cecil county, was read the second time, agreed to and sent to the senate.

Mr. Williams delivers a bill entitled, an act to incorporate a school in Worcester county; which was read.

Mr. Jones delivers a petition from Nathan Trail, of Montgomery county, praying that he may be authorised to bring a certain negro from Virginia into this State; which was read and referred to Messrs. Jones, Kilgour and Crabb. Also a petition from Brock Case, of Montgomer-