

Also a resolution in favour of Michael M. Cann; which was read.

Mr. Winchester from the committee reported a bill, entitled, An act for the extension of South-street in the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Winchester, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for opening and extending North-street in the city of Baltimore. Ordered, That Messrs. Winchester, Hughlett and Cresap, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Dorsey, the following order was read, adopted, and sent to the executive by the clerk:

BY THE SENATE, December 6, 1817.

Ordered, That his excellency the governor, and the honourable the council, be requested to cause a journal of their proceedings for the present year to be laid before the senate.

By order, R. HARWOOD, CLK.

Mr. Taney from the committee reported a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the clerk's fees in the chancery proceedings in the county courts; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the council delivers a message from the executive, accompanied with a journal of their proceedings for the present year; which was, on motion, ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dorsey, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to increase the fund for the establishment of free schools by providing for licensing and regulating auctions and pawnbrokers within this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Dorsey, Hollyday and Hughlett, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The senate adjourns until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 8, 1817.

The senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act to allow William Walker, late sheriff and collector of Somerset county, further time to complete his collections; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. Also the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 8, 1817.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

This being the day prescribed by the constitution and form of government for the election of governor of this state, we propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to make the election at 12 o'clock to day. Charles Ridgely (of Hampton) is put in nomination by this house; and Messrs. Lecompte and Sewall are nominated by this house to join such gentlemen as may be named by you to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order, L. GASSAWAY, CLK.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, the following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk:

BY THE SENATE, December 8, 1817.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We unite in your proposal of proceeding to the election of a governor this day at 12 o'clock, and accede to the nomination made in your message. We have appointed Messrs. Dorsey and Winder to join the gentlemen of your house to examine and count the ballots.

By order, R. HARWOOD, CLK.

The senate having previously qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the election of a governor; the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee of the senate appointed to meet the committee of the house of delegates, who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported, that Charles Ridgely, (of Hampton,) had sixty-one votes; Charles Carroll of Carrollton, had one vote; Robert Bowie had seven votes, and Edward Lloyd had two votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Charles Ridgely, (of Hampton,) having had a majority of votes, is duly elected governor of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Dorsey, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter and change all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the attorney general, passed at the last session of the general assembly of Maryland. Ordered, That Messrs. Dorsey, Hollyday and Gale, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Dorsey, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the appointing of prosecutors for the several judicial districts within this state, and prescribing the duties of the same. Ordered, That Messrs. Dorsey, Winder and Winchester, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Winder asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Taney after to-morrow for two weeks.

Mr. Winchester reported a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for opening and extending North-street in the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The president laid before the senate the following letter from the honourable John Leigh:

December 1, 1817.

SIR.—In separating myself from a number of gentlemen for whom I have more than ordinary attachment, is to me extremely unpleasant; but finding my pursuits in life claim all my attention at home, I have deemed it expedient to resign my seat in the senate of Maryland, and beg of you, sir, to communicate the same to that honourable body over whom you preside. In thus taking my leave, I hope my infirmities may be borne with, in praying that it may please God so to direct your councils, that all your deliberations may not only receive the plaudits of a grateful country, but hear the whispers of an approving conscience.

With great individual respect and regard for you, sir, and each member of the senate, I have the honour to be, your obedient humble servant,

JOHN LEIGH.

To the honourable William Spencer, president of the senate.

Which was read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 8, 1817.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

General Charles Ridgely (of Hampton) having been elected governor of the state, we propose that a joint letter be written by the president of the senate, and speaker of the house of delegates, and imm