

veral counties therein mentioned; was read a second time and referred to Messrs. Miller, Cockey, and Brinsley.

The bill to confirm an act entitled, *An act to alter and change such parts of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Anne Arundel county into election districts, and to change the place of holding elections in the second election district of said county; the bill to provide for the building a bridge over Antieatum Creek in Washington county; the bill to provide for the building of a bridge over Antieatum creek, at John Shaeter's mill, in Washington county; the bill for the relief of Alexander Robertson, of Worcester county; the additional supplement to the act to regulate elections; the bill for the support of George Buckler of Saint Mary's county;* were severally read a second time and laid on the table.

The bill to appoint commissioners for the purpose of dividing Dorchester county into six separate election districts; the bill to confirm an act to alter and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relates to the division of Frederick county into election districts; were read a third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

Mr. Chambers from the joint committee appointed to wait on the governor elect for the purpose of knowing when it would be convenient for him to qualify, informed the senate that the governor elect would appear in the senate chamber at one o'clock, for the purpose of qualifying according to the constitution and form of government.

The bill to ascertain and establish the divisional line between Anne-Arundel and Calvert counties, was read a third time, passed and sent to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill entitled, *An act appointing commissioners for the regulation and improvement of the village of Hillsborough, in Caroline county; a bill entitled, An act for the benefit of Dennis Hill and, Sophia Liviss, of Frederick county; a bill entitled, An act for the benefit of Phebe Sutton, of Kent county; a bill entitled, An act to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year; a bill entitled, An act to make valid the proceedings of the levy court of Allegany county;* which were severally read the first time and laid on the table.

Samuel Stevens, Jr. the governor elect, attending in the senate chamber, Ordered, That Messrs. Chambers and Dickinson inform the house of delegates, that Samuel Stevens, Jr. the governor elect, is attending in the senate chamber to qualify as governor of the state of Maryland, and request their attendance.

The speaker of the house of delegates, attended by the members, appeared in the senate chamber, and Samuel Stevens, Jr. qualified as governor, before the president of the senate, in the presence of both houses, by taking the oaths directed by the constitution and form of government, the oath of office prescribed by law, and by taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, and also by subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion. The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 17, 1822.

The Senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The president laid before the senate a report from the agent of the state for the western shore, accompanied by sundry documents; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to alter and change all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the oaths to be taken by the members of the senate and house of delegates, was read a second time and laid on the table.

Mr. Johnson from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Jonathan Ellicott, Elias Ellicott, and others, of the city of Baltimore, reported a bill entitled, *An act to incorporate a company in Baltimore county by the name of the Avalon company; also a bill entitled, An act to incorporate a company in Baltimore county by the name of the Baltimore Manufacturing company;* which were severally read the first time and laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, Leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, *An act to alter and change such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as requires the officers thereof to subscribe a declaration of belief in the christian religion;* it was ordered, That Messrs. Johnson, Dickinson and Claude, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of delegates delivers the following message; which was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 17, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—The custom of adjournment having rendered it impracticable to keep a house during the christmas holidays, and that being a season devoted to the observance of religious duties, and the interchange of social feelings. We therefore propose, with the concurrence of your honorable body, to adjourn on the 21st day of December till the 30th of December.

By order

J. BREWER, Clk.

Also a bill entitled, *An act to repeal part of the act therein mentioned, and a bill entitled, A further supplement to an act entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein named;* which were read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Chambers offered the following message; which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates:

BY THE SENATE, December 17, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—We have received your message proposing an adjournment from the 21st to 30th inst. and concur with your proposal.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

The bill entitled, *A further additional supplement to the act entitled, An act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors and administrators, and the rights of orphans and representatives of deceased persons,* was read a second time and laid on the table.