

county into seven separate election districts, and for other purposes." Determined in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was then put, will the senate receive the following as an amendment: Strike out the whole of the title, and insert "An act providing compensation for the commissioners appointed by the act of December session 1821, chapter 38." Determined in the affirmative. The bill being read throughout, the question was put, shall the said bill as amended pass? Determined in the affirmative, and it was returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Price presented the petition of sundry citizens of Washington and Frederick counties, praying to be incorporated by the name of "The Benevolent Society of the United Brethren in Christ;" which was read and referred to Messrs. Price, Cockey and Quinton.

Mr. Johnson from the committee reported a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, An act relating to insolvent debtors in the city and county of Baltimore; which was read the first and by special order a second and third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the council delivered a communication from the executive, enclosing a report from the commissioners appointed to view and examine the Potomac river, and its branches; which were read and ordered to be printed.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Ruby, of Allegany county; which was read the first time and laid on the table. Also a bill for the relief of Elizabeth Hance Philpot, of Baltimore county; which was read the first, and by special order a second time, and referred to the committee to whom is referred bills of a similar nature.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, Ordered, that Messrs. Johnson, Price and Kent, be a committee to examine into the state of the files and records of the senate, and to report to the senate whether it may be necessary to take any, and what measures, for their proper arrangement and preservation.

On motion by Mr. Price, Ordered, that Messrs. Price, Chambers and Bowie, be a committee to investigate and examine into the acts of assembly extending equity jurisdiction to the county courts, and to ascertain whether any, and what amendments, or other modification of the same, may be necessary to the more salutary and perfect administration of equity throughout the state, and that the committee report thereon during the present legislature.

The bill authorising the levy courts of Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties to levy a sum of money for building a bridge over Patuxent river, at Queen Anne, was read a third time, and on motion, the question was put, will the senate receive the following as an amendment? After the word "commissioners," in the 3d line of the 3d enacting clause, insert "a majority of whom shall have power to act." Determined in the affirmative.

The question was then put, will the senate receive the following as an amendment? At the end of the enacting clause insert "and are hereby vested with authority to dispose of all the materials composing the present bridge, in such manner as they may think most advantageous, and to apply the proceeds thereof to the building the one authorised by this act." Determined in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Shall the bill, as amended, pass? Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Chambers from the committee to whom was referred the bill to authorise William Knight, of Kent county, to import and bring into this state certain negroes therein mentioned, reported the same with the following amendment: At the end of the bill insert, "Provided, That nothing in this act shall be construed to authorise a disposition of said slave, except in cases of disposition by last will and testament, and disposition by law for bona fide debts, or consequent upon intestacy, in less than three whole years after the introduction of said slaves into this state; and provided, that the said William Knight shall cause the said slaves to be registered in the records of Kent county court, within three months after they shall have been brought into this state." Which amendment was read and assented to, and the bill being read throughout, the question was put, shall the bill, as amended, pass? Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Chambers from the committee to whom was referred the bill authorising Henry Vernon Somerville to remove certain negroes into the state of Maryland, reported the same without amendment; and the bill being read a third time, the question was put, shall the bill pass? Determined in the affirmative.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message; which was read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 2, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—It being the duty of the legislature of this state to provide suitable accommodations for the governor, and to furnish, in a suitable manner, the government house, we therefore have appointed Messrs. Millard and Estep, a committee to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honorable body; to examine and report the condition of the furniture in the government house, and what sum of money (if any) be necessary to furnish the same.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Also a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Mary Sylvester, and her three children, of Caroline county; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Chambers offered the following message; which was read and assented to:

BY THE SENATE, January 2, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—We agree to your proposal that a joint committee shall be appointed to ascertain whether any, and what amount of money, may be necessary to repair or refurnish the accommodations at the government house, and have appointed Messrs. Chambers and Dickinson to unite with the gentlemen named by you.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

The senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.