

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

resolution, and that their dispersed situation through the different sections of the state, forbids the hope of effecting a meeting for that purpose before the assembly of the next legislature.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

Jeremiah T. Chase, John Buchanan, Rd. T. Earle, William B. Martin, Walter Dorsey, John Stephen.

On motion; ordered, that Messrs. Johnson and Miller, be a committee to wait on his excellency the governor, to inform him that the senate is organised for business, and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to lay before them.

On motion; ordered, that Messrs. Claude and Quinton, wait on the reverend Doctor Rafferty, and request him to attend in the senate chamber every morning, during the session, to perform divine service.

On motion, ordered, that the rules and regulations established by the senate for their government, at December session, 1822, be, and they are hereby adopted for the present session, and that twenty copies of them be printed for the use of the senate.

On motion, leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, "an act to change the mode of electing the electors of president and vice-president, of the United States;" and it was ordered, that Messrs. Johnson, Miller and Claude, should be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 3, 1823.

Gentlemen of the Senate.—We propose with your concurrence to proceed to elect a register of wills, for Dorchester county, to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Wm. W. Eccleston, and Joseph Ennalls, are put in nomination by this house. We have appointed Messrs. Pitt and Steel, to unite with such gentlemen as may be named by you to count the ballots, and report the result. By order, JOHN BREWER, Clerk.

Mr. Claude submitted the following message, which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

BY THE SENATE, December 3, 1823.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.—We have received your message of this morning, proposing to go into the election of a register of wills for Dorchester county, to-morrow, at 12 o'clock; to which we assent.

No gentleman is put in nomination by us in addition to those named in your message; Messrs. Claude and Orrell, are appointed by the senate to join the gentlemen named by your house to count the ballots, and report the result. By order, WM. KILTY, Clerk.

Mr. Johnson submitted the following message; which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

BY THE SENATE, December 3, 1823.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.—The senate propose an interchange of services between the Rev. Doctor Rafferty, who is appointed to perform divine service in the senate, and the reverend gentleman appointed by your house.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clerk.

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

THURSDAY, December 4, 1823.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were read.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from John McPherson, president of the board of trustees of the Frederick County Academy, containing a Report of the state of the said Academy. Also, a report from the Clerk of Harford County Court of the attendance of the judges of the said court, which were severally read and referred to the consideration of the House of Delegates.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following message, which was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 3, 1823.

Gentlemen of the Senate.—We concur in the interchange of services between the Revd. Dr. Rafferty and the Revd. Mr. Griffith, agreeable to the proposition of your honorable body.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, CLK.

Also, a bill, entitled, an act for the benefit of James Burns, of Frederick county; which was read the first time and laid on the table. Also, a bill for the relief of Greenbury L. Raleigh, of Dorchester county. Which was read the first, and by special order, a second time, and referred to Messrs. Johnson, Miller, Claude, Orrell, and Quinton. Also, a bill, entitled, an act for the benefit of the children of Samuel Colston, of Talbot county. Which was read the first, and by special order, a second time, and referred to Messrs. Dickinson, Millar, and Cockey. Also, a bill, entitled, an act for the relief of Henry Gettings of Frederick county, which was read and referred to Messrs. Claude, Orrell and Dickinson. Also, a bill, entitled, an act to alter and change the name of Samuel Busick Jump to Samuel Jump Busick. Which was read the first time and laid on the table. Also, a bill for the benefit of Anna Boyd, wife of James P. Boyd, of the city of Baltimore. Which was read the first time and laid on the table.

The clerk of the council delivered a communication from his Excellency Samuel Stevens, Junr. Governor, with sundry documents referred to in the said communication. Which were read and the documents referred to the consideration of the House of Delegates.

The Senate proceeded to the election of a Register of Wills for Dorchester county; the ballot box being prepared the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up and delivered to the com