

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Pearson Cheezum, of Caroline county; which was read the first, and by special order a second and third time, rejected and returned to the house of delegates.

On motion, the bill entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate public ferries, was referred to Messrs. Claude, Kent and Miller.

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

BY THE SENATE, December 16th, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The practice of adjourning the legislature during the period which the habits of our citizens have devoted to social enjoyment, has induced many members to arrange their transactions, in the expectation of being with their families on Christmas day, and for some days after.

The senate believe, that if no adjournment should take place, the number of absent members would render it impossible to progress with the business of the session, and they therefore propose, with the concurrence of your house, to adjourn from Friday the 24th inst. to Monday the 3d day of January next.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

The further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a school in Allegany county, by the name of Allegany County School, was read a second, and by special order a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

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

BY THE SENATE, December 16, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have as yet made no arrangement in relation to the printing of their proceedings, and other papers necessarily connected therewith. As an arrangement of this kind may probably be most advantageously effected by uniting in one contract the printing of both branches of the legislature, the senate propose that a committee of conference be appointed to take this subject into consideration, and report the most advantageous mode of proceeding.

If this proposition should meet with your concurrence, Messrs. Scott, Thomas and Miller, are named as a committee on the part of the senate, to confer with such gentlemen of your honourable body as you may think proper to select for that purpose.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

On motion, Ordered, That when the senate adjourns, it will adjourn to meet on Monday morning next at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Chambers submitted the following report; which was read and unanimously concurred with.

The joint committee appointed to arrange the reception of Gen. Lafayette, beg leave to report, in part, that they recommend the following plan -

On Monday at noon, the General will be conducted by the committee of arrangement to the state house, and received by the governor and council in the executive chamber. Upon an invitation from the senate, he will visit that body, accompanied by the governor and council, and on his entrance into the senate chamber will be welcomed by the president. The senate will then adjourn, and the members be individually introduced.

After the ceremony of his reception by the senate shall be over, and notice thereof given by the senate, the doors communicating with the two legislative chambers will be thrown open, and a committee from the house of delegates proceed to the senate chamber and invite Gen. Lafayette, the executive and senate, to the house, where he will be welcomed by the speaker, when the house, upon motion, will adjourn, and the members be individually presented to the General.

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

BY THE SENATE, Dec 16th, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have received the report, in part, of the joint committee, to arrange the reception of General Lafayette, and have concurred therewith.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following messages; which were read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 16, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message proposing to appoint a committee of conference to contract for the printing of the daily proceedings of the legislature, and inform your honourable body that the committee of claims have already contracted for the printing of said proceedings.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 16th, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have also received the report, in part, of the joint committee of arrangement for the reception of General Lafayette, and have concurred therewith.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

The senate adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 20th, 1824.

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

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prescribe the time which jurors shall serve in Baltimore county court, report, that the committee have had