

On motion, the further supplement to the act empowering the levy court of Cecil county at their discretion to levy a sum of money to build a bridge over Octatara creek in said county, at or near Samuel Rowland's Store, was referred to Messrs. Miller, Brownley and Kent.

The bill to confirm the proceedings of certain commissioners appointed to divide St. Mary's county into five separate election districts by virtue of an act passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-two, and confirmed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-three, was read a second time, and referred to Messrs. Thomas, Kent and Dickinson.

On motion by Mr. Scott, leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act relating to the sale of dower rights; and it was ordered that Messrs. Scott, Chambers and Cockey, should be a committee to prepare and report the same.

On motion by Mr. Scott, Leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act to authorise the use of the testimony of the parties as witnesses in trials at law; and it was ordered, that Messrs. Scott, Chambers and Orrell, should be a committee to prepare and report the same.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled, An act to change the place of holding the elections in the second election district in Anne Arundel county; and a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain and fix the salary of the clerk of the council of this state, which were read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Scott from the joint committee delivered the following report:

The committee of conference appointed on the part of the senate to meet the committee appointed on the part of the house of delegates, on the subject of a proposed adjournment beg leave to report — that the joint committee of conference propose an adjournment of the legislature from Friday next, the 24th inst, until Monday the 3d day of January next.

By order,

THOS. W. LOCKERMAN, Com. Clk.

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

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 21, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have concurred in the report of the committee on the subject of an adjournment, and if it should meet with your concurrence, the senate will adjourn on Friday next, the 24th instant, until Monday the 3d day of January next.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

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

WEDNESDAY, December 22, 1824.

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

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Baltimore Athenæum, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass.

The bill was then read a second and third time by special order, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

On motion by Mr. Scott, Leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act to prevent the reclaiming of slaves who have been permitted by their owners to act as free persons; and it was ordered, That Messrs. Scott, Quinton and Thomas, should be a committee to prepare and report the same.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 21, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message announcing your concurrence with the report of the committee of conference, on the question of a recess, and concur therewith.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 22, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

A vacancy having occurred in the office of register of wills of Baltimore county, we propose with the concurrence of your honourable body, to proceed to make the appointment of register of wills for said county this day, at 12 o'clock. David M. Perine, Nathaniel F. Williams, Francis I. Dallam, W. G. D. Worthington, and George Hebb, are put in nomination by this house; and we have appointed Messrs. Ty on and Eccleston, to join such gentlemen as may be named by you, to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

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

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 22d, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message of this morning, proposing to go into the appointment of register of wills for Baltimore county this day at twelve o'clock. This being an appointment of a highly important character, the senate will require more time to become acquainted with the merits of the several candidates for it, than would be afforded them were they to assent to your proposition; which they must therefore decline, and in lieu of it, if it meets your approbation, to go into the appointment on the sixth proximo, when they presume the members of the legislature will generally be in attendance.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.