

the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Chambers, Cockey and Claude.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 6th, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

This day having been heretofore fixed upon by both houses for the election of a register of wills of Baltimore county, we will, with the concurrence of your honourable body, proceed to that election at 12 o'clock. No additional candidate is put in nomination by us

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

And returned the bill to ascertain and fix the salary of the clerk of the council of this state; with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 6th, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return you the bill, entitled, An act to ascertain and fix the salary of the clerk of the council, which was rejected by your honourable body on the 5th inst with a full hope, that on more mature reflection, you will reconsider and pass the same.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

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

BY THE SENATE, Jan. 6th, 1825.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message of to day, proposing 12 o'clock as the hour at which to go into the election of a register of wills for Baltimore county. Several members of the senate are now absent, and are expected to arrive to day previous to the usual hour of adjournment.

In the belief that such absent members will be anxious to participate in the election, and that no injury can possibly result by delaying the proceeding for an hour or two, the senate have declined going into the election until half past 2 o'clock, and invite your concurrence in the appointment of that hour.

By order,

WM KILTY, Clk.

Mr Chambers delivered the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled, An act to annul the marriage of William L. Steuart and Elizabeth his wife, of the city of Baltimore, beg leave to report--That they have had under consideration the said bill, with the accompanying documents. Few subjects have received from the present senate more deliberate and anxious attention than that of divorces. It is believed to be connected with considerations of vital importance to the best interests of society. The deliberations of the senate resulted at an early period in the adoption of a course of proceeding, which it has since uniformly pursued, and which the committee believe to have been productive of the most beneficial influence, and which, it is therefore, in the opinion of the committee, incumbent on the senate to adhere to.

Consistently with the practice adopted by the senate, no divorce from the bonds of matrimony should be allowed.

The committee therefore recommend the following amendments to the bill viz: 1st. In the title of the bill, strike out what follows after the word "act," and insert "to divorce William L. Stewart, and Elizabeth his wife." 2nd. After the word "that" in the first enacting clause strike out to the end of the bill and insert, "the said William L. Stewart he and he is hereby divorced from bed, board, and mutual cohabitation, with his wife Elizabeth" "And be it enacted, That the said Elizabeth Stewart shall not, by virtue of her marriage with the said William L. Stewart, be authorised to have or claim any right or interest in the estate, real, personal or mixed, of the said William, to be by him acquired after the passage of this act."

By order,

T. W. LOCKERMAN, Com. Clk.

Which report was concurred in.

The question was then put, Will the senate amend the bill as proposed by the committee?

Determined in the affirmative.

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

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 6th, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message proposing to go into an election of register of wills of Baltimore county this day at half past two o'clock, and concur therewith.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 6th. 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

In the message proposed to your honourable body some days since, to go into the election of a register of wills for Baltimore county, the names of George Hebb, Francis J. Dallam, and William Grafton Dulany Worthington, were introduced as candidates for that office. We propose to withdraw the names of those gentlemen, which meets their entire approbation.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Also a bill, entitled, An act to alter and abolish so much of the constitution and form of government of the state of Maryland as relates to the oath to be taken by the senators and delegates previous to the election of governor and council; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Chambers, Tilghman and Orrell.