

The following was offered and adopted as an additional rule of the senate to be numbered twenty-nine, viz: The president shall nominate all committees, unless otherwise particularly directed by an order of the senate.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 29th, 1825.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

A vacancy having occurred in each of the offices of registers of wills, in Frederick, Charles, Caroline, and Kent counties, and these vacancies having been temporarily supplied by the executive, until the meeting of the general assembly. We propose with the concurrence of your honorable body, to proceed to make the appointments on Thursday next, at 12 o'clock. We have appointed on the part of this house, Messrs. Barnes and Edelen to join such gentlemen as may be named by you to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 29th, 1825.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We propose with your concurrence, that a joint committee consisting of three members on the part of this house, and two on the part of your honorable body be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of opening a direct communication with the legislatures of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, upon the subject of absconding slaves, and on the part of this house have named Messrs. Lee, Goldsborough, and Merrick.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clerk.

Mr. Johnson from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Samuel R. Smith, of Baltimore, praying indemnification for losses sustained by him in consequence of the acts of assembly of eighteen hundred and twenty-one and eighteen hundred and twenty-three, establishing state ware-houses for the inspection of tobacco, asked that the committee might be discharged from the further consideration of the said memorial, they having no power to originate such a proposition as is prayed for by the memorialist, and also that the memorial might be referred to the house of delegates. The committee was accordingly discharged, and the memorial referred as asked.

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

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 29th, 1825.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

The senate have received your message, proposing to go into an election on Thursday next, to fill the vacancies occasioned in the offices of register of wills, of Frederick, Charles, Kent,