

panied by the draft of a bill entitled, "an act to amend and reduce into one system the several acts of assembly, respecting officers fees, for the better regulation of said fees, to establish a more equitable and uniform mode of charging them among the several and respective public officers throughout this state, and for other purposes, "prepared by him and printed under the authority of the resolution, No. 99, passed by both branches of the legislature at their last session, which were severally read, and on motion by Mr. Forrest, ordered, that the said communication and draft be referred to a committee consisting of three members, to be appointed by the president; who are hereby directed carefully to examine and revise the same draft and to report thereon to this house, as early as may be practicable, such modifications, alterations, or amendments as they may deem necessary and proper to make.

The president thereupon announced the appointment of Messrs. Forrest, Nelson, and Dennis as the said committee.

Mr. Harrison from the committee reported a bill, entitled "an act, to repeal an act entitled, an act to repeal certain acts of assembly relative to amerciaments, and to lay a tax on plaintiffs, who may institute actions at law in the several county courts of this state; which was read the first time, and laid on the table.

Mr. Nelson from the committee reported a bill, entitled "an act to alter the time of holding the county court of Frederick county, and for other purposes; which was read the first time, and laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. Nelson, leave was given to bring in a bill, to be entitled, "a further supplement to an act entitled an act for the better regulation of apprentices. Ordered, that Messrs. Nelson, Sewell, and Marriott be a committee to prepare and report the same.

Mr. Nelson from the committee reported the said bill; and it was read the first time, and laid on the table.

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

By the House of Delegates, December 28th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

A vacancy having occurred in each of the offices of Register of Wills for Washington and St. Mary's counties, which 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 those appointments on Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock.

The following gentlemen are put in nomination for said offices respectively; that is to say, for Washington county, Daniel Shnebly, and for St. Mary's county, Enoch I. Millard, Stephen Gough and William I. Madden.

We have named Messrs. Hall and Hawkins to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honourable body, to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order, John Brewer, Clk.