

you propose, yet we do not conceive that this solitary and isolated case can be termed usage. If so, it is the usage of the legislature, that the house of delegates shall impartially contract for the printing of the laws; and the journal of the senate, for so it was done in eighteen hundred and twenty four. We believe, that never until the last year, and in the above case, did the house of delegates propose a specific number for the adjunct committee from the senate, to consist of—— ————

When the joint committees are small, the senate generally sends an equal number with your house. When they are large, the paucity of our numbers compels us to send a smaller committee, enjoined by necessity, not by want of respect to your body.

Notwithstanding, for the sake of that harmony between the two houses, the subsistence of which is so essential to the public welfare, we have assented to your first message on this subject, proposing to us a joint contracting committee, and have appointed Messrs. Forrest, Thomas, and Nelson, to join the gentlemen named in your message. But lest such a measure may hereafter ripen into usage, we have made the above remarks by way of protest, and have instructed the committee appointed by the senate to act integrally.

By order,

William Kilty, Clerk.

The senate adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

Monday, January 1st, 1827.

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

Mr. Heath appeared in the Senate.

Mr. Heath presented a petition from sundry citizens of Baltimore, praying that a law may pass authorising the governor and council to appoint annually, five discreet and judicious persons as visitors and governors of the jail of Baltimore county, and the public property thereunto belonging, &c. which was read and referred to Messrs. Heath, Johnson and Sewel.

The bill to alter and change the name of James Jolly Howard, of Harford county, to James Walter Jolly, and the bill to change the christian name of Thomas Littleton Robins, the infant son of James B. Robins, late of Worcester county, were read a third time, passed and sent to the house of delegates.

The bill to alter the time of holding the county courts of Frederick county, and for other purposes, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion, the consideration of the further supplement to an act, for the better regulation of apprentices, was postponed until Friday next, the 5th inst.

On motion, the supplement to an act against excessive usury, and the bill to repeal an act entitled, an act, to repeal certain acts of assembly, relative to americiaments and to lay a tax on