

And returned the bill, authorising the recording of a deed from Henry Howard, of John, to Andrew Anderson.

The senate proceeded to the consideration of the order proposed on Wednesday, the 10th inst. relative to the last state lottery, and the same being read, on motion, the question was put, "will the senate receive the following as a substitute for the same?"—Ordered, that a committee be appointed to ascertain the amount of tickets sold in the last state lottery, prior to its drawing, and the circumstances connected with the sale, the amount of prizes drawn by the state in said lottery, and the amount of revenue accruing from the same, and to enquire generally, into the policy and existing provisions of the lottery system of this state, and report the same to the senate. Determined in the affirmative. The question was then put, "will the senate assent to the order? Determined in the affirmative.

The President protem named messrs. Lloyd, Herbert, Forrest, Heath and Johnson to constitute the said committee.

The senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor in Montgomery county, the same having been this day read a third time, and on motion the said bill was referred to messrs. Forrest, Johnson and Nelson.

Mr. Forrest offered the following message which was read.

By the Senate, January 17th, 1827.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing to unite the committees appointed by your house and the senate upon the subject of the bill prepared by Gideon Pearce Esquire, under a resolution of the last general assembly, to this proposition we assent, but we regret that the senate cannot concur in that part of your message which proposes that the committees shall sit during the hours of business in the senate, in a body so small as the senate, the absence of three members would often occasion a defect of a quorum and impede the progress of business of importance, and the frequent interruption of the committee to which the senate referred said bill, would prevent that continued attention of the committee thereto, which the importance of the subject demands. We therefore propose that the joint committee shall meet at four o'clock P. M. during the session for the consideration of the subjects referred to them.

On motion the following was offered as an amendment viz.— Add at the end of the message, "we are constrained also to dissent from that part of your message which proposes to invest the joint committee with the power of sending for persons and papers," and after some discussion, the message and amendment were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Spence offered the following as an additional rule for the government of the senate, viz. "every bill originated in and passed by the house of delegates, shall, after it has had a first reading be referred to one of the standing committees or to a special committee consisting of three members as the nature