

Also, a bill entitled, an act relative to the duties of the trustees of the poor for the several counties therein mentioned, which was read the first time.

The senate then adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Friday, January 26th, 1827.

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

The president laid before the senate the following letter, which was read, and referred to the house of delegates.

Elm Wood, January 15, 1827.

To the Honourable, the President of the Senate, and  
Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland.

GENTLEMEN,

I have not until this day, received your favour of the 3d inst. announcing my appointment by the legislature of Maryland, as a member of the executive branch of our government. For this distinguished honour, and for the respect and confidence entertained for me, in making this selection, you will be pleased to accept, gentlemen, individually for yourselves, my unfeigned acknowledgments; and permit me through you, to tender, to the members of each house over which you severally preside, my high consideration. I shall repair to the seat of government, as soon as the weather and my health will permit, and enter on the duties assigned me, in the discharge of which, I shall endeavour to promote the best interests of the state.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

ARNOLD E. JONES.

The bill to extend the time for James Derickson, late collector of Worcester county, to complete his collections, was read a third time by special order, passed, with the proposed amendments, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Spence presented the petition of sundry persons, residing in the 5th election district, in Worcester county, praying that the constitution may be so changed, that the said district may be divided into two election districts, which was read and referred to Messrs. Spence, Dennis and Harrison.

The bill to amend the act entitled, an act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Harrison presented the petition of Ann Gilder, of Queen Anns county, praying for a divorce, which was read, and referred to the committee on divorces.