

On motion of Mr. Spence, the following was added as an additional rule, viz:

29th. Every bill and resolution originated and passed by the House of Delegates, shall, after the first reading in the Senate, be referred to a special or one of the standing committees, as the discretion of the President may direct.

Mr. Heath asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act to prevent unnecessary expense and delay in prosecuting appeals from courts exercising equity Jurisdiction in this State. Ordered, That Messrs. Heath, Spence and Harrison, be a committee to prepare and report the same.

The President announced the appointment of the following standing committees, viz:

A committee on Ways and Means—Messrs. Thomas, Lloyd, Nelson, Smith and Dennis.

A committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.—Messrs. Forrest, Rees, Smith, Sewell and Harrison.

A committee on Internal Improvement—Messrs. Nelson, Heath, Herbert, Rees, and Spence.

A committee on Bills relating to Out Pensioners—Messrs. Harrison, Sewell, Whiteley, Kennedy and Thomas.

A committee on Bills for the relief of Insolvent Debtors—Messrs. Heath, Herbert, Lloyd, Spence and Forrest.

A committee on Invalid Deeds—Messrs. Dennis, Heath, Harrison, Smith and Nelson.

A committee on Engrossed Bills—Messrs. Whiteley Kennedy, Sewell, Dennis and Harrison.

Mr. Kennedy presented a petition from Martin Bourke of Washington county, praying for the remission of a fine; which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

The Clerk of the Council delivered the following communication from his Excellency the Governor, accompanied by sundry documents; which communication was read, and on motion of Mr. Spence, the said communication and documents were referred to the consideration of the House of Delegates.

Council Chamber, Dec. 30. 1830.

Gentlemen of the Senate

and of the House of Delegates,

Since making a communication to you yesterday, other proposals for executing the public printing have been received, and I have deemed it proper to take the earliest opportunity to transmit them.

The sum of one thousand dollars, appropriated by a resolution of the last General Assembly, for the purchase of furniture, and for making repairs at the Government House, has not been entirely expended. The Steward of the Government House has been directed to forward, with the inventory of the furniture, a list of the articles purchased by me,