

questions involving their interests, and deliberately adjudging the merits of the several claims and defences. The bill was then read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Pigman, leave was granted to bring in a bill to be entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, "An act vesting certain powers in the president of the United States.

Ordered, that Messrs. Pigman, Wootton and Claude, be a committee to prepare and report the same.

Mr. Sappington from the committee, to which was referred the resolution in favor of John McElroy, principal of St. Johns Literary Institution, in Frederick, reported favorably thereon. It was read the second time. The clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following message:

By the House of Delegates,

January 18, 1833.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message proposing to appoint a committee of five members of the senate, conjointly with such gentlemen as may be appointed by the House of Delegates, to bring in a bill to provide for holding elections on the same day throughout the state, for choosing delegates to the general assembly, sheriffs, commissioners of the respective counties, representatives in congress, electors of the senate, and electors of president, and vice president of the United States, and concur therein. We have appointed on the part of this house, Messrs. Johnson, Merrick, Harper, Cottman, Bruce, Sutton and Bourke.

By order,

G. G. Brewer, Clk.

Also the following bills;

A bill entitled, an act relating to a certain deed therein mentioned, which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on invalid deeds and defective proceedings.

A bill entitled, an act to make valid and effective in certain cases, sheriff's bonds, in and for Alleghany county, which was read the first time and referred to the committee on judicial proceedings. A bill entitled, an act to authorise Thomas Bruce, the present sheriff of