

Mr. Stone, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A further supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for building a new church in the city of Annapolis; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Duvall, from the committee of both houses, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.

THE joint committee who were appointed by the senate and house of delegates respectively to revise the constitution and form of government of this state, and to propose such alterations and amendments as they might judge necessary, beg leave to report, that they have taken this subject into their serious consideration, and made such a revision thereof as the time employed in this inquiry would permit. It will be readily admitted, that to examine an instrument so complicated with that exactness and reflection which its importance deserves, would require more leisure than can be possessed by a committee of the legislature during the various engagements of the session.

For this reason your committee have not ventured to enter into this business with that minuteness which may be expected from the terms of their appointment, and which otherwise might have been expedient, but have deliberated upon such propositions only as different members of the committee thought proper to bring forward. It must be confessed that most of these merited attention, although the adoption of some of them would have materially affected some parts of our government; but on account of their magnitude they were relinquished for the present, and deferred until the sentiments of our constituents can be better ascertained after longer experience. Other propositions obtained more generally the approbation of your committee, and after discussing them with candour, the following were agreed to, and are humbly referred to the consideration of the legislature.

In order to obtain fairness at elections, it is proposed, that the voters be registered in such manner as the legislature may prescribe.

That those parts of the constitution which direct the election of delegates to be annual, be changed, and that, in future, the election of delegates be biennial.

That those parts of the constitution which respect the election of electors of the senate, be explained in such manner as to allow four days for holding this election, as well as an election of delegates.

That the number of senators be increased to twenty members; and, in order to select them more equally from the different parts of the state, that the western shore be divided into three districts, and the eastern shore into two, and that four senators be chosen from each district.

That the senate be enabled to propose amendments to money bills, as well as to all other bills.

That the 45th section of the constitution, which disqualifies field officers of the militia from a seat in the legislature, be abolished.

That the several oaths prescribed by the constitution be repealed, and that an oath, or affirmation, of allegiance, of a different kind, be prescribed to be taken by every citizen on his first election or appointment into office, and that a suitable oath, or affirmation, of office, be likewise prescribed to be taken before the office shall be exercised.

All which is submitted to the legislature.

Which was read the first time, and the question put, That the said report be referred to the next session of assembly? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ringgold, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Ringgold,	Ridgely,	Steele,	Holland,	Walker,	Oneale,
Lethbrury,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Lecompte,	Gomber,	Smith,	Jacques,
N. Worthington,	Gough,	R. Bond,	M ^c Comas,	M ^c Mecken,	Beall,
J. Worthington,	Owings,	W. Bowie,	Amos,	Ott,	Tomlinson,
Mackall,	Sherwood,	Seney,	Downes,	Cellar,	Simkins,
Freeland,	Kerr,	Chaille,	Douglasa,	Crabb,	Cresap. 39.
Parnham,	Jones,	Dennis,			
N E G A T I V E.					
Carroll,	B. Worthington,	Craik,	Hollingsworth,	Duvall,	Bayly,
Moore,	Wilkinson,	Stone,	Quynn,	Beatty,	Burgess. 15.
Tilghman,	Gantt,	Goldborough,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The report on the memorial of Archibald Moncrieff, and others, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Duvall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom it was referred to report the ways and means proper to be adopted by this assembly to provide a fund for the purpose of raising the sum of seventy-two thousand dollars, agreed to be advanced by this state to the president of the United States, to be applied towards the erecting federal buildings upon the Patowmack, beg leave to recommend the following resolutions:

Whereas by a resolution passed this session, the general assembly of Maryland has agreed to advance to the president of the United States, for the purpose of erecting public buildings upon the Patowmack, the sum of seventy-two thousand dollars, payable in three equal annual payments: And whereas it is necessary and proper to prescribe the manner and times of payment, and to make some provision and establish a fund for the punctual advance thereof, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of the funds hereafter established, the aforesaid sum of seventy-two thousand dollars, in three equal annual payments, the whole