

The following message was read.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 29, 1806.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

BELIEVING all the important business before the legislature can be finished by Saturday next, we propose, with your concurrence, to close the session on that day.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

The following order was read.

ORDERED, That the committee of claims be directed to close the journal of accounts on Saturday next, allowing each member attending on that day for the day following.

Mr. Bruce, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act vesting certain powers in the president of the United States; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for repairing Shrewsbury church in Kent county. ORDERED, That Mr. Comegys, Mr. Frisby and Mr. Pearce, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Winder, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out, open and clear, a certain road in Somerset county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to open a road from the Bald Friar ferry, on Susquehanna river, to the Pennsylvania line, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplement to the act to appoint a wreckmaster for Worcester county, the bill to prohibit the emigration of free negroes, and the bill to compel the vestry of Shrewsbury parish, in Kent county, to fulfil the contracts and engagements of the former vestry, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill to prevent persons from retailing spirituous liquors within a certain distance of any place of religious worship, except as is therein excepted, the supplement to an act, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire-engine, and to purchase ground and to build a school-house, in Rockville, in Montgomery county, and the bill relating to orphans, severally endorsed "will not pass." And a letter from the governor, enclosing a copy of the act of congress for laying out a road from Fort Cumberland to the Ohio, the report of the commissioners appointed to lay out that road, and a request of the president that the general assembly will consent to the cutting of the same through Maryland; which were read.

The report on the petition of Cornelius Manning was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to; which was sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Watts, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Pearce, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the regulation of fees to the deputies of the attorney-general; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Shaaff, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Philip Barton Key, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted; they therefore submit the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That all the right, title and estate, of the state of Maryland, of, in and to the land and premises, to wit: All that tract or part of a tract of land called Pretty Prospect, lying now in the district of Columbia, conveyed in mortgage to the state of Maryland by Uriah Forrest, by deed, bearing date on the twenty-eighth day of February, eighteen hundred, be and the same is hereby released unto Philip Barton Key, and his heirs.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the attorney-general of this state be and he is hereby authorised and required, in the name and on behalf of this state, to execute such conveyance or conveyances to the said Philip Barton Key, and his heirs, as to the said attorney general shall be thought effectual, thereby conveying unto the said Philip Barton Key, and his heirs, all the right, title and estate, of the state of Maryland, of, in and to, the land and premises aforesaid.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order, the resolutions therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Shaaff, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to examine the state of the records in the land-office for the western shore, report, that agreeably to appointment of the house they made examination into the state of the records of the said office, and find that the general alphabet of patents in the said office, from the year sixteen hundred and eighty to the year seventeen hundred and fifty-nine, is so defaced and worn out that it will be necessary to transcribe it.

The committee further report, that they find from their examination that some other of the records want repairing in the binding, but are not so far defaced as to stand in need of being transcribed. The committee are of