

Mr. Tabbs delivers a petition from Rebecca Adams, of Washington county, praying a divorce; which was read and referred to Mr. Tabbs, Mr. Worthington and Mr. Bowles, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Chapman delivers a petition from Robert Halkerstone, of Charles county, an old revolutionary officer; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion, by Mr. J. H. Thomas, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as require a property qualification in persons to be appointed or holding offices of profit or trust in the state, and in persons elected members of the legislature or electors of the senate. ORDERED, That Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. Herbert, Mr. Brent, Mr. Grahame and Mr. Worthington, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and simplify the proceedings at law, and to expedite the administration of justice. ORDERED, That Mr. Worthington, Mr. Tabbs and Mr. Brent, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, by Mr. J. E. Spencer, the following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 14, 1809.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

WE propose, with the concurrence of your house, to proceed immediately to the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States. Samuel Smith and John Eager Howard are put in nomination by this house. We have appointed Mr. John E. Spencer and Mr. Gale, on the part of this house, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your house, for the purpose of counting the ballots.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Mr. Bland, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Archer, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act concerning costs in criminal prosecutions. ORDERED, That Mr. Archer, Mr. Davis, Mr. Streett, Mr. J. E. Spencer and Mr. Forwood, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. J. Brown, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. J. Brown, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Brown, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Archer, Mr. Brent and Mr. Tabbs, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

By the SENATE, November 14, 1809.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

WE agree to your proposition for proceeding immediately to the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States. No person is put in nomination by this house in addition to those nominated by you. Mr. Thomas B. Darsey and Mr. Purnell are appointed to join the members named by your body to count the ballots.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

Which was read.

The house proceeded to the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States; and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after sometime returned and reported, that Samuel Smith, Esq. was elected.

Whereupon RESOLVED, That Samuel Smith, Esquire, be, and he is hereby declared to be, the senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States.

Mr. S. Thomas, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the support of William Wheler, of Montgomery county; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, November 15, 1809.

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

The bill for the support of William Wheler, the bill to authorise a lottery in Frederick county, the bill for the relief of John Cooper, and the resolution in favour of William Johnson, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, by Mr. J. E. Spencer, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to prevent free negroes, mulattoes or slaves, from attending the places where a regiment or battalion may be convened for military duty. ORDERED, That Mr. J. E. Spencer, Mr. Bowles and Mr. Harryman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Harryman delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying for a road from the milestone standing on the line between Maryland and Pennsylvania, at the mill-race of John Shanck, to intersect the old York road at the top of Adam Feather's hill, and a petition counter thereto; which were read and referred to Mr. Harryman, Mr. Randall and Mr. M. Brown, to consider and report thereon.