

Which was read, and the blank therein being filled with the names of Messrs. Stevens, Thomas of Cecil, Shriver, Teackle and Boon, it was agreed to and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivered the following message:

By the Senate, January 1, 1828.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have formed a quorum, and are ready to proceed with the business of the session.

We have chosen the honourable William H. Marriott president, and propose to sit, for the dispatch of public business, from ten o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon.

By order, Wm. Kilty, Clk.

Which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Also a communication from Littleton Dennis Teackle, Esqr. superintendent of Public Instruction, addressed to the president of the senate, transmitting, for the information of the legislature, his first annual report; which being referred by the senate to the consideration of this house, was read, laid on the table, and, with the said report, ordered to be printed.

Also the memorial of William Patterson, and others, of the city of Baltimore, praying a return of the money paid by them to the state under an act regulating the duties on licenses, passed at December session 1821, the said act having been declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of the United States; which being referred by the senate to the consideration of this house, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

And the memorial of John Tolley Worthington, and others, of Baltimore county, relative to an act of assembly passed at December session 1815, authorising a lottery for the erection of a church in said county; which being also referred by the senate to the consideration of this house, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Thomas, of Cecil, presented a petition from James Gaibraith, of Cecil county, praying for a divorce; which was referred to Messrs. Thomas, of Cecil, Mercer and Semmes.

Mr. Douglas, of Dorchester, obtained leave to introduce a bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to exempt the servants of overseers of the county roads in Dorchester county from doing duty on said roads, passed Dec. session 1826, chapter 10. Messrs. Douglass, of Dorchester, Williams of Dorchester, and Lake, were appointed a committee to prepare the same.

Mr. Gantt of the committee appointed to wait on the governor, stated that the committee had just been informed by his excellency, that his communication to this house would be made at one o'clock to day, instead of twelve, as before reported.

On motion by Mr. Hughes, of Charles, (seconded by Messrs. King and Rogerson, who voted with him in the affirmative on the original question,) the house agreed to reconsider their decision of yesterday adopting the message to the senate proposing