

And *Mr. Keene* presented a petition of sundry citizens of this state, praying an alteration of the pilot laws; which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

*Mr. Willson* submitted the following order:

Ordered, That a select committee of five members be appointed on the part of this house, whose duty it shall be to visit the *Maryland Penitentiary*, examine into its condition, and report thereon.

On the question being put on the adoption of said order, it was determined in the negative.

On motion by *Mr. Tilghman*, Ordered, That the standing committee on the militia inquire into the expediency of repealing the second section of an act passed at December session 1827, chapter 188, for the purpose of allowing a salary to the adjutant general of this state.

*Mr. Teackle*, chairman of the select committee, to which was referred sundry memorials, praying the establishment of a financial institution, to be founded on the invested capital in the treasury, for the supply of revenue to the state, and the convenience and benefit of the people, under the style of *The Bank of the State of Maryland*, delivered a report, accompanied with a bill, entitled, *An act to establish The Bank of the State of Maryland*; which were read, and the report ordered to be printed separate from the journal, and distributed with the laws.

The clerk of the senate delivered the following message:

By the Senate,

Jan. 5, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing to go into an election on the sixth instant, of a senator to represent the state of *Maryland* in the senate of the *United States* from and after the third day of *March* next, when the term of service for which the honourable *Ezekiel F. Chambers* was elected will expire. As there are several members of the senate now absent from the seat of government, and believing that the interests of the state will not sustain any injury by the postponement of the election of senator to a future day, we therefore respectfully decline going into the election at the time proposed in your message.

By order,

*L. Gassaway*, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by *Mr. Ely*, Ordered, That the documents