

Mr. M'Mahon moved to lay the bill and substitute on the table? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hughlett reported a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the citizens of Maryland holding persons of colour to service for a term of years, and to prevent their absconding.

And Mr. Hicks reported a bill, entitled, An act to alter and repeal the act, entitled, An act for regulating and inspecting weights and measures used in this state, passed at December session 1825, chapter 206; which were severally read.

On motion by Mr. Turner, the bill reported by him from the committee on inspections, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising the appointing inspectors and corders of fire wood brought by water to the city of Baltimore for sale, was read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Gantt for a few days.

The clerk of the senate delivered a communication from the treasurer of the western shore, enclosing a transcript of the annual report of the managers of the Washington monument, endorsed "referred to the consideration of the house of delegates;" which was read.

The house proceeded to consider the message offered by Mr. Steele on the 18th inst. relative to the university of Maryland; which was read the second time, and on the question being put on the adoption of said message, was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Smith, Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An act to abolish the offices of commissioners of the tax and levy court of Calvert county, and to provide for the appointment of commissioners, &c. and the substitute offered for the same, referred by the last house of delegates to the present general assembly, be referred to a select committee, to be appointed by the chair. In pursuance whereof the speaker appointed Messrs Smith, Dalrymple, Reynolds and Mackall, the committee.

On motion by Mr. Hughlett, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to abolish the levy court, and provide for the election, by the people, of commissioners for Talbot county, and prescribing their powers and duties, was read the second time by special order and passed.