

On motion by Mr. Wootton, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and amend such parts of the constitution of this state as relates to the election of the governor and council. Ordered, That Messrs. Wootton, Brawner and Claude, prepare and report the same.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 21st, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Gantt, who had leave of absence. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The speaker announced the message received from the senate on yesterday, returning the resolutions relating to the improvement of the navigation of the sounds parallel with the Atlantic coast, endorsed "assented to." Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, 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; and the bill, 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, were sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from John W. Comegys, Esq. informing the house of his having been confined to his room for the last week by indisposition, and is still unable to resume his seat; which was read.

Mr. Hunt presented the petition of Richard Norris, of the city of Baltimore, praying the passage of an act authorising him to bring into this state certain negro slaves therein named; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hunt, Nicholas and Turner.

Also the petition of The Jackson Beneficial Society of Baltimore, praying an alteration in their act of incorporation, passed at December session 1819; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hunt, Nicholas and Ely.

Mr. Merrick presented the petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying the passage of an act requiring the erection of a stone bridge over Antietam creek, on the road from Hagerstown to Orr's gap; which was read and referred to Messrs. Merrick, Kershner and Yoe.

And Mr. Kent presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, praying for the passage of an act