

Mr. M'Elfresh presented the petition of Jacob Lease of Frederick county, praying for the payment of lumber used as the state's property in repairs to the barracks in Fredericktown; which was read and referred to the committee on claims.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace. Also the bill, entitled, An act to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relates to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, so that each county and the city of Baltimore may have a senator to be elected immediately by the people; severally endorsed "will not pass." And the bill, entitled, An act to exempt the wearing apparel of deceased persons from appraisement and sale in certain cases, and for other purposes; endorsed 'will pass with the proposed amendments;' which amendments were severally read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the house proceeded to consider the resolution in favour of the honourable John Buchanan.

When Mr. Merrick moved to fill the blank therein with 'one thousand?' Determined in the negative.

Mr. Blakistone moved to fill the blank with 'three hundred.'

Mr. Claude moved to fill the blank with 'eight hundred.'

Mr. Wootton moved to lay the resolution on the table? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Wootton then moved to postpone the resolution indefinitely? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

#### THURSDAY, January 27th, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent unnecessary accumulation of costs on all actions or suits at law in the county courts of this state, passed at December session 1829, chapter 166.

And the resolution directing the clerk of the council to give notice by advertisement for at least two consecutive