

Also, the memorial of sundry citizens of Port Tobacco, in Charles county, praying for the passage of a law to compel the owners of land adjoining said town, to keep good enclosures; which were severally read and referred to Messrs. Brawner, Edelen and Turner, of Charles.

Mr. Laurenson presented the memorial of Fielding Lucas, Jr. of the city of Baltimore, relative to a map of the state,—which was read, and referred to Messrs. Laurenson, Pearce, Hollman, Cottman and Harding.

Mr. Lantz presented the petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, praying for the erection of a bridge across Will's creek, at the mouth of Braddock's run, in said county, which was read and referred to Messrs. Lantz, Armstrong and Blair.

Also, the petition of William McLaughlin of Allegany county, praying for the passage of a law authorising him to bring into this state a certain negro slave therein mentioned, which was read and referred to Messrs. Lantz, Stockett and Welch.

Mr. Hunt submitted the following preamble and order, which were twice read and adopted.

Whereas, the people of this state have experienced much inconvenience from the delays which have occurred in the distribution of the laws.

Therefore, Ordered, That the committee on public printing be instructed to inquire into the practicability of having the laws of the present session distributed at an early period after the adjournment of the legislature.

The Clerk of the Senate delivered the following message:

By the Senate, December 28th, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have appointed Messrs. Taney and Sappington, to join the gentlemen named by your House, to wait upon the Governor.

By order, Joseph H. Nicholson, Clk.

Which was read.

The Speaker laid before the House, reports from the clerks of Charles, Kent, Caroline, Worcester, Hartford, Anne Arundel, Frederick, and Dorchester counties, relative to the several sums of money paid by them into the public Treasury, within the year ending on the 30th of November, 1831.

Also, a communication from the Commissioners of the tax for Montgomery county, giving a statement of the real and personal property in said county.