

the word 'act,' in the same section, and second line, to the word 'any,' in the sixth line, and insert in lieu thereof, the following: 'no person shall be prosecuted for assault and batteries in any county court in this State, unless the person agrieved shall, with his own free consent, appear before the grand jury to make such presentment;'

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Brookhart moved to amend said bill, by adding at the end thereof, the following proviso: 'Provided that nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to apply to Washington county;'

Mr. Billingsley moved to amend the amendment, by inserting after the word 'Washington,' the word 'Calvert;'

Mr. Stockett moved to refer the bill, with the proposed amendments, to the first day of June next;

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Brown, of Queen Anne's, submitted the following message:

By the House of Delegates,
February 13th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose, with the concurrence of your honorable body, to invite His Excellency the Governor, to attend in the Senate Chamber, on Wednesday evening next, at 7 o'clock, to sign such laws as have been passed during the present session.

We have appointed on the part of this house, Messrs. _____ and _____, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honorable body.

By order,

George G. Brewer, Cl'k.

Which was read. And,

On motion by Mr. Willson, of Montgomery, laid on the table.

Mr. Nicols submitted the following message:

By the House of Delegates, }
February 10th, 1832. }

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose, with the concurrence of your honorable body, to appoint a joint committee of both houses, to consist of _____ members of this house, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honorable body, to examine into the state of the public business necessary to be acted upon at the present session, with a view to fixing some probable day on which the present session of the legislature may be brought to a close.