

as a step preliminary to my entering on the duties of the office.

With high considerations of respect,  
I remain, &c.

WM. H. FITZHUGH.

On motion by Mr. Brookhart,

Ordered, That the Speaker of the House of Delegates be requested to issue a warrant to the Sheriff of Washington county, for an election to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William H. Fitzhugh, Esq.

A warrant of election was accordingly issued, signed by the speaker and clerk, and transmitted to the Sheriff, of Washington county.

The bill reported by Mr. Richardson, entitled, An act to authorise the executors of the last will and testament of William N. Ritchie, deceased, to bring into the state of Maryland, certain slaves was taken up for consideration.

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

Said bill was amended, by adding at the end thereof the following proviso; "Provided, if the said negroes shall refuse to go to Liberia, they shall be sold out of this state as slaves for life."

The said bill was then read the second time as amended, and passed.

The bill reported by Mr. Holmes, entitled, An act to provide for the building a bridge over the Great Falls of Gunpowder, at or near to Jessop's Mill, in Baltimore county;

The bill reported by Mr. McKinstrey, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to authorise the laying out and opening a road through Frederick, Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties;

The bill reported by Mr. Carmichael, entitled, An act to enable John Cummins, of the State of Delaware, to remove a negro out of this State, in whom he possesses an unexpired term; And,

The bill reported by Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the committee on divorces, entitled, An act to divorce Henrietta T. Stewart, of the City of Baltimore, from her husband James Stewart;

Were severally taken up for consideration, read the second time, and passed.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate Emmittsburg, in Frederick county;

Also, the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the trustees of the Valley School House, in Frederick county;