

year ending on the 30th November, which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Edelen obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled **An act to explain and amend an act of Assembly, passed at December session, 1831—chapter 323; entitled An act relating to free negroes and slaves.**

Ordered, That Messrs. Edelen, Harding, and Merrick, report the same.

Mr. Holmes obtained leave to bring in a bill, to repeal an act entitled, **An act to abolish imprisonment for debt on certain judgments rendered by justices of the peace, passed at December session 1830, chapter 155.**

Ordered, That Messrs. Holmes, Pratt, and Burgess, report the same.

Mr. Teackle obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, **An act directing the manner of choosing electors of President and Vice President of the United States.**

Ordered, That Messrs. Teackle, Wright of Queen Annes, Chandler, Hammond, Harris, Rogerson, and Turner, report the same.

The Speaker laid before the house a petition of Bernard Thompson of the state of Kentucky, a revolutionary soldier.

And Mr. Jenkins presented a petition of George Pearce, a soldier of the revolutionary war; severally praying to be placed on the pension roll; which were severally read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Merrick presented a petition of Edward J. Hamilton;

Also, a petition of John D. Freeman and others, of Charles county, severally praying to be authorized to bring into this state certain negro slaves, therein mentioned; which were severally read, and referred to Messrs. Merrick, Dennis and Bruce.

Mr. Jenkins presented a petition of Luther Baker of the city of Baltimore, praying that his name may be changed to Martin Luther Baker; which was read and referred to Messrs. Jenkins, Harper and Holmes.

Mr. Heard presented a petition of Clement McWilliams of Saint Mary's county, praying that he may be authorized to bring into this state certain negro slaves therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Heard, Jones, and White.

Mr. White presented a petition of Henry W. Talbot of Montgomery county, praying permission to remove certain