

On motion by Mr. Pratt, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act, to repeal an act, entitled, An act, for the relief the poor of Queen Anne's county, and to provide for the support of the same; Ordered, That Messrs. Pratt, Loockerman and Wright, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following order was read:

*Ordered*, That so much of the executive communication, as relates to the improvement of the navigation of the river Susquehanna, be referred to a committee of

That so much of the said communication as relates to public buildings, be referred to a committee of members.

That so much of the said communication as relates to the Potomac river and its branches, be referred to a committee of

That so much of the said communication, as relates to the resolutions forward to the executives of the states of Pennsylvania and Delaware, be referred to a committee of members.

That so much of the said communication, as relates to the extension of the charters of the different banks of this state, be referred to a committee of

That so much of the said communication, as relates to the states' claim against the general government, be referred to a committee of members.

That so much of the said communication, as relates to lotteries and lottery commissioners, be referred to a committee of members; and that the honorable speaker appoint said committees.

On motion by Mr. Carroll, the following resolution was read:

*Whereas*, The governor in his communication hath advised, that owing to the late afflicting dispensations by disease, a day be set apart by the general assembly, and recommended to the people of the state, to be observed as a day of humiliation and prayer; Therefore, *Be it resolved*, That day of next, be set apart and recommended to the people of the state, to be observed as a day of humiliation and prayer.

On motion by Mr. Allen, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the fees of the different officers of the county courts; Ordered, That Messrs. Allen, Norris and Douglass, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following order was read:

*Ordered*, That so much of the executive communication, as relates to the agent appointed under the authority of a law passed at the last session of the general assembly, be referred to a committee of members; and that the speaker appoint the said committee.

On motion by Mr. Steele; Ordered, That a committee of five members be appointed by the speaker, to take into consideration, the propriety of preventing by further provisions, the tumultuous meetings of negroes in this state.

The speaker appointed Messrs. Steele, Lloyd, Howard, Hoffman and Maddox, to be the said committee.

On motion by Mr. Hughes, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act, to alter and change all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as relates to the division of Anne Arundel county into election districts, and to change the place of holding elections in the second election district of said county; Ordered, That Messrs. Hughes, Linthicum and Howard, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Loockerman, the following resolution was read:

*Resolved*, That the members of both branches of the legislature be allowed dollars per diem, instead of four dollars now allowed, and that this resolution take effect from this date.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the question was put, that the 17th rule, be dispensed with, for the purpose of giving the same a second reading? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy; Ordered, That the same have a second reading on Thursday next.

On motion by Mr. J. P. Kennedy, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, for amending and reducing into one system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons; Ordered, That Messrs. J. P. Kennedy, Worthington and Purviance, report the same.

Mr. Allen reports a bill, entitled, An act, to withdraw the sums now given to the different schools, colleges and academies, to constitute a fund to be hereafter appropriated to the education of poor children; and Mr. Wright reports a bill, entitled, An act, for the support of Thomas Deford, of Queen Anne's county, an afflicted son of Edward Deford, of said county; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the following order was read:

*Whereas*, the best assurance of good government, and the consequent benefits to a free people, exist in the general extension of education, and that the foundation of this assurance depends upon the diffusion of learning in common schools; *And whereas*, the improvement of agriculture, and the advancement of science, are equally essential to the happiness of the people, and the welfare of the state. It is therefore, Ordered, That a committee, to consist of seven members be appointed by the chair, to devise a plan of public instruction, the views of which shall embrace the primary schools, as the basis of intellectual enlargement, and shall especially consider the important interests of husbandry and manufactures. That the said committee shall also suggest the proper sources of revenue, to sustain the charges of the desired system, and have authority to procure all necessary information.

On motion by Mr. Orrick, the following order was read: