

Mr. Brown presents a petition from Mary Pearson Cheezum, of Caroline county, praying for the remission of a fine; referred to Messrs. Brown, Hardcastle and Boon.

Mr. Roberts obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prohibit the emigration of free negroes into this state, passed at November session 1806. Ordered, That Messrs. Roberts, Eccleston and Wright, report the same.

Mr. Barnes presents a petition from Ezra, David and Gideon Mantz, of Frederick county, praying a special act of insolvency; and a petition from Richard English, counter thereto; referred to the committee on insolvencies.

Mr. Brown reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Pearson Cheezum, of Caroline county; which was twice read, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Millard delivers the following report:

The committee appointed by this house to examine and report upon all applications for divorces, have with much care and due deliberation examined the petition and documents presented by William L. Stuart, of the city of Baltimore, and Elizabeth, his wife, and are of opinion that the prayer of the aforesaid Wm. L. Stuart should be granted.

Which was read.

Mr. Turner obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act relating to the removal of criminal causes in Baltimore city and county courts, passed at December session 1821, chapter 244. Ordered, That Messrs. Turner, Worthington and Howard, report the same.

Mr. Tyson reports a bill, entitled, An act to alter and abolish so much of the constitution and form of government of the state of Maryland as relates to the oath to be taken by the senators and delegates previous to the election of governor and council.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill to introduce wholesome water into the city of Frederick, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Hoffman obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise two justices of the peace to judge and approve of the security in cases therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. Hoffman, Ireland and McClean, report the same.

Mr. Wilson reports a bill, entitled, An act for the support of Elizabeth Gingle, of Montgomery county.

Mr. Speed obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to amend an act, entitled, An act to tax certain officers. Ordered, That Messrs. Speed, Tyson and Peach, report the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 16, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The practice of adjourning the legislature during the period which the habits of our citizens have devoted to social enjoyment, has induced many members to arrange their transactions in the expectation of being with their families on Christmas day, and for some days after.

The senate believe that if no adjournment should take place, the number of absent members should render it impossible to progress with the business of the session, and they therefore propose, with the concurrence of your house, to adjourn from Friday the 24th inst. to Monday the 3d of January next.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

Also the bill for the relief of Mary Pearson Cheezum, of Caroline county, endorsed "will not pass." And the further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a school in Allegany county, by the name of Allegany County School, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Barnes reports a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act to regulate lotteries, passed at December session eighteen hundred and seventeen, with the several supplements thereto.

On motion by Mr. Howard, the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 16, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message, proposing a recess from Friday the 24th inst. until the 3d day of January next. We agree to a recess, but respectfully propose that it shall commence on Thursday the 23d, and continue until the day named by you.

Mr. Norris moved to amend it by making the day of convening the legislature again, the 29th inst. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Merrick moved to strike out from the word "next" and insert "and concur therewith?" Determined in the negative.

Mr. Thomas moved the following to be added: and that the members of the legislature shall not be entitled to their per-diem during said recess.

Mr. Duvall moved the following as a substitute for Mr. Thomas's amendment: "that no per-diem be paid to any member during the recess, who returns to his home, or to the delegates of the city of Annapolis."

Mr. Carroll called for the previous question, and it was put, that is, Shall the main question be now put? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the message? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Howard, the committee of arrangement for the reception of General La Fayette, obtained leave of absence for a short time.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 16, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have as yet made no arrangement in relation to the printing of their proceedings, and other papers necessarily connected therewith. As an arrangement of this kind may probably be most advantageously effected by uniting in one contract the printing of both branches of the legislature, the senate propose that a committee of conference be appointed to take this subject into consideration, and report the most advantageous mode of proceeding.

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