

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Eccleston obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to limit the number of justices of the peace in the several counties of this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Eccleston, Tingle, Wright, M. Mahon and Gough, report the same.

Mr. Chapman obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the more speedy administration of justice in the first judicial district. Ordered, That Messrs. Chapman, Kilgour, Peach, Garner, Hawkins, Wootton and John Edelen, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Spencer, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 20, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose that a joint committee from the two branches of the legislature be appointed to visit the penitentiary, and to report the situation of the same, and that they have power to send for and examine persons, books and papers, relative to the administration of said institution.

We have appointed, on the part of this house, Messrs. Spencer, Eccleston, M. Clean, Tyler and Farquhar, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honourable body.

By order,

JOHN BREWER Clk.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the reference of the register in chancery's report was reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, the same was referred to Messrs. Barnes, M. Mahon, Merrick, Williams and Tingle.

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to limit the term of service of the registers of wills, and of the clerks of the several counties of this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Barnes, Hopper, Spencer, Merrick and Garner, report the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers A bill, entitled, a supplement to an act to prescribe the time which jurors shall serve in Baltimore county court, endorsed, "will pass," which was read.

The committee, on the part of the house, agreeably to arrangement, introduced general Lafayette, who was welcomed by the speaker, by an address from the chair. To which the general promptly and feelingly replied. When, for the purpose of introducing the members and officers of the house of delegates to general Lafayette,

The house adjourns until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 21, 1824.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The chief clerk being absent in consequence of indisposition, Mr. Gideon Pearce was appointed chief clerk, pro tem. and Mr. Trueiman Cross assistant clerk pro tem.

Mr. Tyson presents a memorial from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying that the jurisdiction of magistrates may be enlarged in said city; referred to the committee appointed on the 8th inst. to bring in a bill, entitled, An act defining the civil jurisdiction of single justices of the peace, prescribing the modes of proceeding in the cases in which such jurisdiction is given, and repealing the acts heretofore passed relative to the recovery of small debts out of court before a single magistrate.

Mr. Willson presents a petition from John W. Barnes, of Montgomery county, praying support; referred to the committee on that subject.

The speaker having retired from the house a short time, the chair, at his request, was occupied by Mr. Bdon during his absence.

On motion by Mr. Willson, the following order was twice read and unanimously adopted: Ordered, That the unanimous thanks of the house of delegates be presented to the honourable William H. Marriott, its speaker, for his able and appropriate address delivered to our distinguished guest General Lafayette.

On motion by Mr. Speed, the following order was read and ordered to lie on the table: Ordered, That the committee of ways and means be requested to report to this house immediately, their views of the propriety of repealing, by law, an act, entitled, An act to tax certain officers, passed the 13th of February 1824.

The speaker returned and resumed the chair.

The speaker laid before the house a report of the trustees of Cambridge Academy.

On motion by Mr. Tingle, Leave was granted to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act declaring the assent of the legislature to the devise of lands in the will of John Postley, late of Worcester county, deceased, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Ordered, That Messrs. Tingle, Williams and Parker, report the same.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from the presidents and directors of the several banks in the city of Baltimore, praying for a law to afford relief to the bona fide holders of negotiable securities without notice that they were given for an usurious consideration; referred to the committee appointed on the eighth instant, and to whom was referred a memorial of certain jurors of Baltimore county court at the September term 1824, praying an alteration of the law relating to evidences of debt.

Mr. Barnes presents a petition from a number of the citizens of Middletown, in Frederick county, praying that a fire company may be incorporated in said town; referred to Messrs. Barnes, Cromwell and Kemp.

Mr. Gantt presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, praying a law to change the place of holding the elections in the second election district of said county; referred to Messrs. Gantt, Estep and Carroll.

On motion by Mr. Tyson, the reference of the memorial from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying for a law to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in said city, was reconsidered; and the said memorial was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Tyson, Howard, Worthington, Norris and Merrick.

Mr. John Edelen presents a petition from Roger Dunnington, of Charles county, praying for a special act of insolvency; referred to the committee on that subject.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, Leave was granted to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act,