

Also a petition from Robert Henderson of Frederick county, an insolvent debtor. Which was read and referred to the standing committee on cases of insolvency.

Also a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying that an act may pass for laying out, straightening and amending the road leading from Frederick Town, through Creager's Town and Emmitsburg to the Pennsylvania line, which was read and referred to Messrs. J. H. Thomas, J. Thomas and Taney.

Mr. J. Thomas delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying a road from Jacob Fieser's tavern to Tuttero's saw mill and thence by Silver Run Church to the turnpike road. Which was read and referred to Messrs. J. Thomas, J. H. Thomas and Howard.

Mr. Potter delivers a petition from William Swiggate of Caroline county, praying that part of a road therein mentioned may be discontinued. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Potter, Driver and Hughlett.

Also a petition from Henry Driver of Caroline county, praying that certain land the property of his infant ward Ann Morton, may be sold. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Potter, Lecompte and McDonald.

Mr. Lecompte delivers a petition from Andrew Hubbard and others of Dorchester county, praying that a road may be opened from the Hill's Point road to Cassin's Point. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Stewart and Griffith.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Talbot county court, and a report from the clerk of the court of appeals for the Eastern Shore, relative to the attendance of the judges of their respective courts. Which were read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. B. Hands delivers a petition from Sarah Chambers of Kent county, praying that she may be authorised to complete a contract entered into by her late husband Campbell Chambers, and to execute a conveyance for the land affected by the said contract. Which was read and referred to Messrs. B. Hands, Lecompte and Browne.

The speaker laid before the house reports from the clerks of Dorchester and Worcester counties, relative to the attendance of judges. Which were read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

The speaker laid before the house the annual report of the auditor of the state. Which was read and referred to the committee of claims.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, a supplement to an act relating to sheriffs, and for other purposes. Ordered that Messrs. Lecompte, Bayly and Causin be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Hambleton, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to confirm certain acts of justices of the peace who hold or have held offices under the general government. Ordered, That Messrs. Hambleton, Lecompte and Potter, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Van Horn, from the committee, reports the following rules :

The Committee appointed to report the rules proper to be observed during this session, beg leave to submit the following :

1st. At the hour appointed for sitting, the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

2d. Every member shall take his seat, when the speaker takes his chair.

3d. Every member who shall deliver his opinion or speak in any debate, shall rise uncovered, and respectfully address himself to the speaker.

4th. No member at the time of speaking in debate shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

5th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall determine which shall speak first.

6th. No member shall speak a second time, until every member who offers to deliver his sentiments has spoken once.

7th. Any member called to order by the speaker, or any member, shall thereupon take his seat.

8th. When the house is sitting, no member shall hold conversation to interrupt debate.

9th. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded, and, (if desired by the speaker or any member) reduced to writing, delivered in at the table, and read by the clerk.

10th. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, or be postponed by a motion for commitment or postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

11th. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas and nays shall be taken, when required by three members who shall have divided on the question.

12th. The previous question, that is, whether the question propounded be now put, may be called for by any member on any question, except to an amendment, or other matter which cannot in its nature be postponed.

13th. If a question in debate contains more distinct parts than one, any member may of right, have the same divided into as many questions as parts.

14th. All questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present, those dividing in the affirmative rising in their places, those in the negative continuing in their seats, and so vice versa until a decision by the speaker.

15th. Whenever the speaker shall decide any question, the same shall be final, unless the yeas and nays be required.

16th. Every bill or resolution originated in this house, or received from the senate, shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time it shall lie on the table for the perusal of the members, unless on very urgent occasion the house shall by special order, dispense with this rule, which order shall be entered on the journal.