

Which was read and referred to the committee on Claims, hereafter to be appointed.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Leave was granted the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to bring in a bill to regulate the removal of causes for trial from one county to another, within this State.

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

Ordered, That the committee on Coloured Population, hereafter to be appointed, enquire into the expediency of imposing a tax for the support of Government, upon all free negroes between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five.

Mr. Phelps submitted the following order, which was twice read and adopted :

Ordered, That the Chief Clerk contract for the Printing of this House until otherwise directed ; provided, that no higher price shall be paid than has been paid for the last two sessions.

Mr. Phelps asked the following leave :

Leave to bring in a bill to abolish the High Court of Chancery , Which was read.

Mr. Phelps moved to refer said leave to a select committee of five.

Mr. Causin moved to refer said leave to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice ;

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Phelps, to refer said leave to a select committee of five ;

Determined in the affirmative.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Messrs. Phelps, Causin, Harris, Lynch, Weems, Curley and Boteler, the committee.

On motion of Mr. Weber,

Leave was granted the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to bring in a bill to repeal an act, entitled, an act to restrain the rigour of speedy proceedings for the recovery of small debts, passed at December session eighteen hundred and forty-two, chapter two hundred and ninety-two.

Mr. Welsh obtained leave to bring in a bill for the distribution of the School fund in the first election district of Baltimore county.

Ordered, That Messrs. Welsh, Walker, Carroll, Stansbury of Baltimore county, and Poultney, be a committee to prepare and report the same.

Mr. Phelps obtained leave to bring in a bill so to alter the constitution of this State so as to establish biennial sessions of the Legislature, and to affix the term of service of the Governor of the State, and the sheriffs of the several counties, the city of Baltimore and Howard District;

Ordered, That Messrs. Phelps, Carey, Weems, Kilgour, Shriver Warfield and Keene, be a committee to prepare and report the same.