

proceed on Friday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M. to the election of directors on the part of the state for the Union Bank of Maryland, the Mechanics' Bank of Baltimore, the Commercial and Farmers' Bank of Baltimore, the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, at Annapolis, the Branch of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, at Easton, the Hager's-Town Bank, and the Elkton Bank of Maryland. The following gentlemen are put in nomination by the senate. For the Union Bank of Maryland, Messrs. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ For the Mechanics' Bank of Baltimore, Messrs. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ For the Commercial and Farmers' Bank of Baltimore, Messrs. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ For the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, at Annapolis, Messrs. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ For the Branch of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, at Easton, Messrs. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ For the Hager's-Town Bank, Messrs. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ For the Elkton Bank of Maryland, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Senate, are appointed to join such gentlemen as may be named by you to count the ballots and report the result.

The clerk of the council delivered the following communication:

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

ANNAPOLIS, January 10, 1824.

Gentlemen—The enclosed letter was received at the department by the mail of yesterday, and we hasten to communicate it to the general assembly. We have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL STEVENS.

The honorable the President of the Senate, and the honorable the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Also, a letter from J. Lee, esq. acknowledging the receipt of a preamble and resolutions of the legislature of Maryland, relating to a congressional caucus; which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

Mr. Price submitted the following preamble and resolution; which were read and laid on the table.

Whereas it is matter of great importance to the people of this state, that the decisions of the court of appeals should be reported, in order that those rules and legal obligations, to which the citizen is bound may be known and understood by him. And the publishers of the Maryland reports having been deterred from a further prosecution of their work by the expenses of the publication, and the limited sale of the same. And whereas the court of appeals have of late years reduced their opinions to writing thereby rendering clear of all doubt and ambiguity those principles which regulate and protect the lives, liberty and property of the people, and it being ascertained that the said decisions cannot be reported or published by individuals, without the aid of the legislature. Therefore, Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and required to contract with any competent person or persons for reporting and publishing the said decisions in the manner which to them shall seem most expedient. Provided, That the state shall not be pledged by such contract for more than two hundred and fifty copies of the said reports at the usual price of legal publications, and those copies to be at the future disposal of the legislature.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled an act relating to the fourth election district in Baltimore county; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

The senate adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, January 12, 1824.

The senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Kent. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. Quinton from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the benefit of Nancy Paul of Dorchester county, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and were of opinion that it ought to pass. The bill was then read a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Miller asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled a supplement to the act, to change the place of holding the election in the third election district in Cecil county, and for other purposes; and it was ordered that Messrs. Miller, Quinton and Cockey should be a committee to prepare and report the same.

The bill to exempt the servants of overseers of the county roads in Dorchester county from doing duty on said roads. The bill directing the priority of payment of the debts of persons, dying within this state, so far as the same relates to the state of Delaware.

The bill to authorise the Levy Court of Washington county to levy a sum of money for the erection of a bridge over the Antieatam at Frederick Sigler's Ford; and the bill to incorporate the Sharpsburgh fire company; were severally read second time and laid on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled an act for the support of an orphan child of Maria Quinlan, late of Harford county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Claude, Orrell and Dickinson. Also a bill entitled an act, to alter the time of holding the county court of Frederick county; which was read the first time and laid on the table. Also a bill entitled an act, supplementary to the act entitled an act, to establish the line between Frederick and Washington counties; which was read the first time and laid on the table. Also a bill entitled an act, to enable Thomas C. Lannan, of Montgomery county, to purchase and hold real property, within this state; which was read the first time and laid on the table. Also a bill entitled an act, for the relief of Christopher Rader, of Frederick county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Price, Johnson and Miller.

Mr. Miller from the committee reported a bill entitled a supplement to the act, entitled an act