

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

Ordered, that the committee on grievances and courts of justice enquire into the expediency of extending the jurisdiction of the county courts of this State, by vesting in them the power of issuing writs of venire facias de novo, during the continuance of the terms of court, in cases where in their discretion it may be deemed necessary and proper.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

Ordered, that the committee on grievances and courts of justice inquire into the expediency of so altering the law, as to authorise the issuing writs of execution de bonis propriis in cases where judgements have been obtained against administrators, after one return of nulla bona.

On motion of Mr. Sollers,

Ordered, that the committee on grievances and courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering and amending the law in relation to attorneys' fees, as individuals employing attorneys may not be compelled to pay such fees unless the attorney so employed shall prosecute the suit to which his appearance is entered, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Risteau,

Ordered, that the treasurer report to this house the amount that the State is at this time indebted for internal improvements, and the interest that accrues thereon upon each separate work and also the sum for which the faith of the State is pledged for each and every work.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

Ordered, that the committee on grievances and courts of justice enquire into the expediency of vesting in the magistrates courts of this State the power of issuing attachments on judgment within the limits of their jurisdiction.

Mr. Kent obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act further supplementary to an act, to provide for the public instruction of youths in primary schools throughout the State, passed December session 1825, ch. 162, so far as the same relates to Calvert county,

Ordered, that Messrs. Kent, Duke and Parran report the same.

The clerk of the senate delivered the following message:

By the Senate,

January 3d, 1837.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing to proceed this day, at 12 o'clock, to the election of a United States Senator, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Joseph Kent, and concur therein.

We have made no additional nominations to that of your Honorable body, and have appointed Messrs. Ricaud and Cottman on the