

Which was read and referred to the committee on elections and privileges.

Mr. Palmer presented a petition of sundry persons of Frederick county, praying for a law to authorise the Levy Court of Frederick county, to allow an additional sum of fifteen hundred dollars to the sum allowed to build a bridge over the Monocacy river, at Miller's Ford;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Palmer, Schley and Unkefer.

Mr. Fountain presented a petition of William Saulsbury of Caroline county, praying for the passage of a law to enable him to work his servants John and Alexander on his farm, in the State of Delaware, and remove them back into this state, without affecting his title;

Which was read and referred to the committee on the coloured population.

On motion by Mr. Franklin Smith,

Ordered, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore report to this House a statement of the condition, the amount of capital, and the extent or amount of issues of the several banks of this state.

Mr. Sellman submitted the following order, which was twice read and adopted;

Ordered, That the committee on claims be instructed to pay Jeremiah Hughes six hundred dollars on account of his printing for the session.

Mr. Sellman, chairman of the committee on claims, delivered the following reports;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

[See Appendix.]

Mr. Hillen submitted the following preamble and order, which was read.

Whereas there has been no settled rule heretofore, to regulate the expenses of committees, deputed by this House to visit places, and examine improvements, distant from the seat of government;

Whereas, at former sessions, large and exorbitant bills have been presented for such services, and paid.

Therefore, with a view to direct the committee on claims, as to the allowances to be made by them in future;

Ordered, That each and every member of such committees, be allowed an extra per diem of two dollars, and their travelling expenses, at the rates already established.

Mr. Blakistone moved that the second preamble be stricken out.