Messrs. Maffitt
Knight
Thomas
Day
Scott
Crabb
Roberts
Willson
Carter, of Montgomery
Bruce
Ridgely
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The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, being the bill reported by Mr. *W*right of Dorchester, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to limit the sessions of the General Assembly in every alternate year.

*W*hen on motion by Mr. Wharton the said order of the day was postponed.

On motion by Mr. Wharton, the house then resumed the consideration of the bill entitled, An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in in Washington county.

Mr. Blakistone moved that the said bill be laid on the table.

Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the house then resolved itself into a committee of the whole house for the purpose of considering the said bill, and after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the chair, when Mr. Gantt, the chairman reported that the said committee had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made no progress therein, and asked the said committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Whereupon the said committee of the whole house was accordingly discharged.

On motion by Mr. Crabb the house then resumed the consideration of the said bill.

Mr. Blakistone then moved that the said bill be referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice, and that they be instructed to report a general bill extending the jurisdiction of magistrates in this state, to one hundred dollars, and establishing magistrates courts, and that they incorporate in said bill a provision requiring the magistrates to cause a jury to be summoned upon application of either plaintiff or defendant, when the amount in controversy exceeds twenty dollars.

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Larrimore moved that the house adjourn.

Determined in the negative: