

act to amend the constitution and form of government of the State of Maryland;

On motion of Mr. Ridgely,

The house was called, and the door-keeper sent for the absent members.

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The house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the door-keeper.

Mr. Maulsby, reported a bill, entitled, an act for building a bridge over Deer Creek, at or near William Pyle's Saw-mill in Harford county;—Also,

Reported a bill, entitled, an act to enable Sarah Day, of Harford county, to bring into the State of Maryland, from Virginia the negro slave therein mentioned;—and

Reported a bill, entitled, an act for the relief of William McComas, one of the collectors of Harford county;

Which were severally read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Usilton, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled, and act to abolish the board of commissioners of tax in Kent county, and vest their powers and duties in the levy court of said county, reported the same with the following amendments.

Amendments proposed.

1st. Strike out the word 'passage' in the first line of the fourth section, and insert the word 'confirmation,' also in the first line after the word act, insert 'as herein after provided,' in the second line fourth section, strike out the word 'five' and insert 'seven.'

Insert as the fourth section of the bill the following:

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, that from and after the confirmation of this act, as herein after provided, the annual meeting of the levy court of Kent, shall be on the first Monday of April next succeeding, and annually thereafter, on the same day, for the purpose of hearing appeals and noting transfers of property, and shall continue in session exclusive of Sundays for twelve days for said purpose, and also, that the said levy court, shall close its first session on or before the last day of June, after the passage of this act, and annually thereafter; and it shall likewise be the duty of said court, to place or have placed in the hands of the collector of said county, the levy list of said county, on or before the first day of July, after the passage and confirmation of this act, and annually in every year thereafter.