

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

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Legislature of Maryland.

SKETCH OF PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

THURSDAY, Nov. 24, 1803.

MR. Dugan appeared in the house. The message and resolution respecting a register of wills for Dorchester county, the supplement to the act for erecting a village at Choptank bridge, and the bill to declare a part of the old road leading from the mouth of Monocacy to George-town, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Chapman delivers a bill to compel the registers of wills in the several counties herein mentioned to keep each his office at the seat of justice in the county for which he shall be register; which was read.

Mr. Clarke delivers a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, in favour of the petitioners; which was read.

A petition from the committee of the second presbyterian church in the city of Baltimore was read and referred.

Ordered, That the second reading of the bill for the valuation of real and personal property be postponed until Thursday next.

Mr. John Gottman, Mr. Samuel Jones and Mr. Matthew Keene, appeared, and took their seats.

Petitions from Thomas C. Dye, and Edward Norwood, of Baltimore county, were read and referred.

Petitions from Charles Rogers, Fordom Pease and Hiel Peck, of the city of Baltimore, for acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

Mr. Thomas delivers a supplement to the act to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes; which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of various religious denominations in the city of Baltimore was read and referred.

Mr. Van-Horn delivers a bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state; which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, members of the sect of people called Jews, was read and referred.

FRIDAY, Nov. 25, 1803.

The bill to open a road from the town of Emmitsburgh to Caldwell's lane, was passed and sent to the senate.

Petitions from Maximilian Huesler, of Baltimore county, James Johnson, of Harford county, George Dent, of Allegany county, and Philip T. Briscoe, of Charles county, for acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

The bill authorising the levy court of Cecil county to lay out and open a road in said county, was passed and sent to the senate.

The amendment to the bill to lay out and straighten a certain road in Baltimore county was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

A resolution was propounded to the house, and read, directing the treasurer to endorse upon the bond given by Charles Lecompte for lots of Indian land in Dorchester county purchased by him, a credit for a deficiency in quantity, and to deliver up the bond to be cancelled, and empowering the chancellor to execute a deed for the said lands.

The bill authorising commissioners to lay out a road for Richard Mercier, of Baltimore county, was read, and committed for amendment.

A petition from Richard Chew, for an act of insolvency, was read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for opening and establishing a road in Baltimore county, endorsed "will pass." The resolution in favour of Robert Polk, endorsed "assented to." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to lay out a road from Crispin Cunningham to Francis Smith's stone house, in Harford county, endorsed "will pass with proposed amendments." Which amendments were read.

And also a message, agreeing to proceed to the appointment of a register of wills for Dorchester county at the time proposed, nominating gentlemen to join in examining the ballots, and stating, that they do not mean to abandon the principle laid down by them in their resolution; that they cannot join in the recommendation to the governor in favour of any person, unless such person, on the ballot, shall appear to have a majority of the votes of all the attending members of both houses of the legislature; which message was read.

The question, That the house proceed immediately to ballot for a register of wills for Dorchester county, being propounded, the previous question was called for and put. That the said question be now put? The yeas and nays being required, appeared affirmative 27 negative 37.

The following message was then prepared.

Gentlemen,

We agree to proceed immediately to the election of the person to be jointly recommended to the governor, to be by him commissioned, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the register of wills in Dorchester county, but we can never agree to a principle, which, by admitting the right of the senate to negative the person elected by joint ballot of both houses, must necessarily give an equal weight to the senate in all elections directed by the constitution to be made in that manner.

The question being put that the house agree to the said message? The yeas and nays appeared as follow: AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. R. Neale, W. Neale, Hopewell, Mercer, Harwood, Hall, Stuart, Jones, Chapman, M'Pherson, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dashiell, Carroll, Cottman, Hyland, Goldborough, Keene, Bayly, Calvert, Shaaff, Muir, Sudler, Sturgis, Wilson, Purnell, Rich, Turpin, Young, Smith, Swearingen, T. Davis, Veatch, Linticum, Bayard, Tomlinson, Crefap, Simkins. 38.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Angier, Hatchson, Thomas, Lemmon, Brown, Rose, Miller, Sheredine, Alexander, Wood, Van-Horn, Lowrey, Williams, Hawkins, Shriver, Clarke, Montgomery, E. Davis, Lytle, Dickson, Dugan, Kerstner, Yates. 23.

So it was resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

Leave given to bring in a bill relative to costs.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the support of Anne Mills, and the supplement to the act for the relief of the poor of Saint-Mary's county, severally endorsed "will pass;" which were ordered to be engrossed.

The house proceeded to ballot for a register of wills for Dorchester county, and on examination of the ballots it appeared, that John Crapper had a majority of votes. Whereupon

Resolved, That John Crapper be, and he is hereby declared to be, register of wills for Dorchester county.

SATURDAY, Nov. 19, 1803.

Mr. Barber appeared in the house. Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Rose, Mr. Swearingen and Mr. Van-Horn, have leave of absence.

A petition from Caleb Summers, of Montgomery county, for an act of insolvency, was read and referred.

Petitions from Nicholas Smith, of Montgomery county, from sundry inhabitants of Shrewsbury parish, in Kent county, from the officers of the militia of Washington county, from Robert H. Ward and Philip Bier, of Frederick county, and from David Parlett, of Baltimore county, were read and referred.

The supplement to the act for the relief of Hugh Ferguson, was read the second time, and passed.

Petitions from the pilots of the city of Baltimore, from sundry merchants and owners of ships in the city of Baltimore, and from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, Anne-Arundel, Montgomery and Frederick counties, were read and referred.

The bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire engine and to erect pumps in Easton, in Talbot county, was read the second time, and passed.

A petition from James Williams, of the city of Annapolis, was read and referred.

The bill for the benefit of Edward Montgomery, was read the second time, and passed.

Petitions from Hugh M'Coy, and others, of Cecil county, from the trustees of Charlotte-Hall school, and from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's counties, were read and referred.

Mr. Harwood delivers a report on the petition of Edward Norwood; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill to authorise the court of appeals to reinstate the cause therein mentioned.

MONDAY, Nov. 28, 1803.

Mr. Graham, Mr. Holland, Mr. Gantt, Mr. Fortwood and Mr. Roberts, appeared in the house.

The bill for the benefit of Edward Montgomery, the supplement to the act for the relief of Hugh Ferguson, and the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire engine and to erect pumps in Easton, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Calvert and Mr. W. Neale have leave of absence.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, and the mayor and city council of the said city, were read and referred.

A petition from William Boone, of Caroline county, for an act of insolvency, was read and referred.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore was read and referred.

The resolution in favour of Charles Lecompte was assented to, and sent to the senate.

Petitions from Dominick Coyn, of Harford county, and sundry inhabitants of Harford county, were read and referred.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a bill to pay the civil list and other expences of government; which was read.

The following resolution was read and assented to. Resolved, That John Shaw be and he is hereby authorised and requested to examine into the situation of the house in which the treasury for the western shore is now kept, and report to this house his opinion of what repairs are wanting to the same, and the probable expence thereof.

Ordered, That the bill for the restraint, maintenance and cure, of persons not found in mind, have a second reading on Friday next.

The clerk of the senate delivers a report from the trustees of the Easton academy; which was read.

Also the supplement to the act for erecting a village at Choptank bridge, passed by that house.

Ordered to be engrossed.

The supplement to the act to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Jones delivers a supplement to the act authorising the trustees of Charlotte-Hall school to lay off a town in Saint-Mary's county; which was read.

Mr. Clarke delivers a bill to empower the judges of the court of appeals to reinstate the cause of Edward Norwood against Charles Ridgely and wife's lessee; which was read.

Mr. Dugan delivers a bill authorising certain lotteries within the city of Baltimore; which was read.

Whereas the state having become a stockholder in the bank of Baltimore to the amount of sixty-six thousand dollars, is thereby entitled to appoint annually two directors, one to be chosen by the senate, the other by the house of delegates; therefore Resolved, That this house, on Friday next, will proceed to the appointment of a director to the bank of Baltimore in behalf of the state for the ensuing year.

TUESDAY, Nov. 29, 1803.

Mr. Swearingen and Mr. Ridgely appeared in the house.

The supplement to the act to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, in Kent county, was sent to the senate.

Petitions from Thomas Evans, of Washington county, and Lemuel Howard, of Harford county, for acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county was read and referred.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a bill to establish and confirm a road in Harford county therein mentioned; which was read.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county respecting militia fines, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative. Yeas 12 Nays 42.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a supplement to the act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned; which was read.

Ordered, That said bill have a second reading on Wednesday the 7th of December next.

A petition from Thomas Cockey, of Baltimore county, and a memorial from Christopher Hughes, of the city of Baltimore, were read and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill authorising any person prosecuted for a libel to give the truth in evidence.

Mr. T. Davis has leave of absence.

Mr. Lemmon delivers a report on the petition of Thomas Cockey Dye, in favour of the petitioner; which was read.

A petition from Solomon Scott, and others, of Queen-Anne's county, and a petition from the proprietors of the Long Marsh, in Queen-Anne's county, counter thereto, were read and referred.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a report on the petition of Dominick Coyn, in favour of the petitioner; which was read.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 30, 1803.

Petitions from Michael Branson, William Price, William Nace and Thomas M'Laughlin, of Baltimore county, Daniel Knock, of Kent county, Philip Lewis, Henry Lenhart, Richard Philips and Anthony Limerle, of the city of Baltimore, for acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants of the state, petitions from Peter Myers, of Frederick county, Robert Asoos, of Harford county, Jasper Edward Tilly, of Anne-Arundel county, John Carre, of the city of Baltimore, Joseph Bray, of Anne-Arundel county, were read and referred.