

to the act for the more effectual collection of the county charges in Allegany county, the supplement to the act to appoint a wreckmaster for Worcester county, the bill annulling the marriage of William Booth and Jane Booth, and the bill to lay out, open and improve, the road leading from Hancock, in Washington county, to Cumberland, in Allegany county, were sent to the senate.

Leave given to bring in a bill for the better regulation of fees to the deputies of the attorney-general.

Mr. Martin delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to voters and the qualification of voters; which was read.

The bill for the benefit of Elizabeth Webster, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from Ebenezer Perkins, of Kent county, praying that a suit brought by him in Kent county court be reinstated, and a petition from William Bonner, of Dorchester county, praying that a certain deed may be made valid, were severally preferred, read, and referred.

Ordered, That Mr. Winder, Mr. Watts and Mr. Mitchell, be a committee to examine what service, (not a part of his official duty) the clerk of the house of delegates has rendered in the arrangement in alphabetical order the papers belonging to the house of delegates, and report what, in their opinion, would be a compensation for the same.

Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections.

Mr. Watts delivers a bill, entitled, An act to tax bank stock; which was read.

Mr. Frisby delivers a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the trial of certain causes depending in the court of appeals, and for other purposes; which was read.

The supplement to the act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the improvement and regulation of Cambridge, in Dorchester county, and to establish and regulate a market in said town, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to restrain the evil practices arising from free negroes keeping dogs, and to prohibit them from carrying guns or offensive weapons, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A memorial from the presidents of the different banks in Maryland, praying that forgeries may be punished with death, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Harryman delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a public road in the direction herein after mentioned in Baltimore county; which was read.

Mr. Aisquith delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to authorize a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum of money for the improvement of the navigation of the river Susquehanna; which was read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to tax bank stock, and the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the first day of June next? Resolved in the affirmative—yeas 33, nays 13.

Mr. Little delivers a report on the memorial of Jubb Fowler, in his favour; which was read.

Mr. W. H. Brown delivers a report on the petition of Cornelius Manning, in his favour; which was read.

Mr. Bruce delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections; which was read the first and second time and passed.

The speaker laid before the house a report of the examiner-general of the western shore; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to compel justices of the peace to return all recognizances taken before them, endorsed "will not pass." The bill to continue certain acts of assembly, and the bill to lay out and open an old road in Harford county, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Jackson delivers a report from the joint committee respecting the situation of the government-house; which was read.

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, December 29, 1806.

THE house met. Present as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The supplement to the act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections, was sent to the senate.

A petition from Leonard Watkins, of Montgomery county, praying a sum of money may be levied for his benefit, a petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles county, praying for a certain road, a petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying a lottery for the benefit of Trinity church, a petition from William Taylor, of Queen-Anne's county, praying a certificate of resurvey may be recorded, and a petition from the trustees of the poor of Queen-Anne's county, praying that a further sum of money may be levied for the benefit of the poor of said county, were severally preferred, read, and referred.

The amendment to the bill to lay out and open a certain road in Cecil county, was read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill authorizing the commissioners of Charles-town, in Cecil county, to purchase a lot of ground for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Winder delivers a report respecting the arrangement of the papers of the house of delegates; which was read.

The order in favour of the clerk was read the second time and assented to.

Mr. Aisquith delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorizing a lottery in the city of Baltimore to raise a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read.

The supplement to the act to authorize a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum of money for the improvement of the navigation of the river Susquehanna, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying the repeal of a law passed at the present session, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Bayard delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of William Jackson; which was read and concurred with.

A petition from Joseph Ennalls, and others, of Dorchester county, praying a further time to pay a balance due to the state, was preferred, read, and referred.

The following message was read:

Believing all the important business before the legislature can be finished by Saturday next, we propose, with your concurrence, to close the session on that day.

The following order was read:

Ordered, That the committee of claims be directed to close the journal of accounts on Saturday next, allowing each member attending on that day for the day following.

Mr. Bruce delivers a bill, entitled, An act vesting certain powers in the president of the United States; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money for repairing Shrewsbury church, in Kent county.

Mr. Winder delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out, open and clear, a certain road in Somerset county; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to open a road from the river Plover on Susquehanna river, to the Pennsylvania line, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the house delivers the supplement to the act to appoint a wreckmaster for Worcester county, the bill to prohibit the emigration of free negroes into this state, and the bill to compel the vestry of Shrewsbury parish, in Kent county, to fulfil the contracts and engagements of the former vestry, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

And the bill to prevent persons from retailing spirituous liquors within a certain distance of any place of religious worship, the supplement to the act authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire engine, and to purchase ground and to build a school-house, in Rockville, and the bill relating to orphans, severally endorsed "will not pass." And a letter from the governor, enclosing a copy of the act of congress for laying out a road from Port Cumberland to the Ohio, the report of the commissioners appointed to lay out that road, and a request of the president that the general assembly will consent to the cutting of the same through Maryland; which were read.

The report on the petition of Cornelius Manning was read the second time, the resolution therein assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Watts delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Pearce delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the regulation of fees to the deputies of the attorney-general; which was read.

Mr. Shaaff delivers a favourable report on the petition of Philip Barton Key; which was read, the resolution therein assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Shaaff delivers also a report on the state of the records in the land-office; which was read.

The amendments to the bill concerning the chancery court, were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Sudler delivers a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for erecting buildings for the use of the poor in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Smoot delivers a favourable report on the petition of Joseph Ennalls, and others; which was read twice, the resolution therein assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Bruce delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorizing the collection of certain ground rents due on lots in the town of Cumberland, in Allegany county; which was read.

A petition from Littleton and Ephraim Furnace, of Worcester county, praying a certain road may be established as a county road, was preferred, read, and referred.

The bill authorizing the levy court of Baltimore county to levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

The following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and required to subscribe, on behalf of this state, for — shares in the Farmers Bank of Maryland, reserved for this state, and immediately to pay to the president and directors of the Farmers Bank of Maryland the amount of the shares so subscribed.

Mr. Kerr delivers a favourable report on the petition of Joseph Dawson; which was read.

Mr. Muir delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the punishment of forgery, and for other purposes; which was read.

The bill to provide for the election of commissioners of the levy court by the people, and the bill to provide for the election of commissioners by the people to settle and ascertain the public taxes in each county of this state, and for other purposes, were referred to the first day of June next.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill annulling the marriage of William Booth and Jane Booth, bill to lay out, open and improve, the road leading from Hancock, in Washington county, to Cumberland, in Allegany county, and the bill for the benefit of Elizabeth Webster, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

The supplement to the act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Cambridge, in Dorchester county, and the bill to condemn a piece of ground in Kent county for the purpose therein mentioned, severally endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Kuhn delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent any obstruction of the navigation in the river Patowmack; which was read.

Mr. Smoot delivers a bill, entitled, An act to extend further the powers of the clerks of the several counties in this state; which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, December 30, 1806.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The resolution in favour of Joseph Ennalls, and the bill authorizing the levy court of Baltimore county to levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, were sent to the senate.

A petition from Thomas Meteer, Gilbert Middleton, Jonathan Edwards, of the city of Baltimore, praying special acts of insolvency, and a petition from William Fenlon, praying he may be authorized to receive a claim which he has against the state, with interest, were preferred, read, and referred.

Ordered, That for the remainder of the session no member shall have leave of absence unless the same be asked for and granted by the house.

Mr. Winder has leave of absence.

Ordered, That the committee of claims allow Mr. J. Sanders, assistant clerk of the house of delegates, the sum of fifty dollars, as a further compensation for his services during the present session.

The bill to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties of this state, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion, the question was put, That the committee whom was referred the bill for the encouragement of leasing in this state, be discharged? Determined in the affirmative.

A petition from John Smith Brookes, of Prince-Georges county, praying that a certificate purchased by him may be applied towards the discharge of a debt due by him to the state, was preferred, read, and referred.

On the second reading of the supplement to the act to the advancement of justice, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be referred to the first day of June next? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 33, nays 13.

The report on the memorial of Samuel Chafe, prepared to refer his claim to the chancellor, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therein, with and assent to the resolutions therein contained? Determined in the negative, yeas 29, nays 33.

On motion, the question was put, That the reports of the memorials of Samuel Chafe be referred to the first day of June next? Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the president, managers and company of the Falls turnpike road, have leave to withdraw their memorial.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of Joseph H. Nicholson, and the resolution in favour of Philip B. Key, severally endorsed "assented to with proposed amendments;" which amendments were read and agreed to. The resolution in favour of James Lawrence, endorsed "dissent from." The bill authorizing the commissioners of Charles-town, in Cecil county, to purchase a lot of ground for the purpose therein mentioned, the supplement to the act for the more effectual collection of the county charges in Allegany county, and the bill supplementary to the act for erecting a town in Talbot county, and to the act for the regulation and improvement of Edenton, severally endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to lay out and open a certain road in Somerset county, and an additional supplement to the act for erecting buildings for the use of the poor in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes, severally endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

And the supplement to the act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, endorsed "will not pass."

The following resolution was read:

Resolved, That to adjust, and finally ascertain, whether any thing is due to the state of Maryland upon bonds executed to the state by Samuel Chafe, Esquire, wherein Alexander Quinn and Jeremiah Townley Chafe are securities, and Henry Ridgely and Jeremiah Townley Chafe, are securities, the governor and council be and they are hereby required to direct suits to be brought and instituted thereon against the said Samuel Chafe, and the same to be prosecuted to final judgment, and in case nothing shall be found due to the said state, the bonds of the said Samuel Chafe shall thereupon cancel, and in case of judgment or judgment in favour of the state that the executive be and they are hereby requested to demand from the said Samuel Chafe the amount thereof, and in case of refusal to enforce payment of the same.

Resolved, That the memorial of the first day of December, 1806, preferred by Samuel Chafe, late agent of the state of Maryland for the management of the stock in the Bank of England, so far as it prays for further commission than has been transferred to him by William Winkler, Esquire, in virtue of the third session of the act, entitled, An act relative to the stock of the Bank of England belonging to the state of Maryland, passed November 1801, is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted.

Mr. Bruce delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the encouragement of learning in this state; which was read.

Ordered, That the same have a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Frisby delivers a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of James W. Dimmett and Catharine Dimmett; which was read.