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House of Delegates

WEDNESDAY, February 27, 1828.

The house met. Were present, the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Messrs. Boon, Fitzhugh, Tilghman, Mercer, Hawkins, Duvall and Lloyd, as the standing committee on agriculture, pursuant to the order of the house, adopted yesterday.

Mr. Kemp presented the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, directors of The Young Men's Bible Society of Frederick County, praying for an act of incorporation; which was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Kemp, Shriver and Holtz.

Mr. Goldsborough presented the petition of St. George E. Roberts, guardian of the orphan children of Roger Hooper, late of Dorchester county, deceased, praying a stay of proceedings on certain judgments obtained in favour of the state, and against the estate of the said deceased; which was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Goldsborough, Williams of Dorchester, and Douglas of Dorchester.

Mr. Semmes, chairman of the committee on ways and means, reported a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the sale of a portion of the unsubscribed shares of stock reserved for the state in the Union Bank of Maryland. And,

Mr. Boon, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, also reported a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the entering or recording satisfaction of any judgment or decree entered or rendered in any court of this state.

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

On motion by Mr. Steuart of Baltimore, the house resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, as regards the bill, entitled, An act for the general valuation and assesment of property in this state. When,

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole house on said bill, and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Thomas of Saint-Mary's, the chairman, reported that the said committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same with sundry amendments adopted by the committee; which amendments were read, and severally concurred in by the house.

In the progress of reading said amendments, the question occurred, and was propounded, "Will the house agree to adopt the amendment proposed by the committee of the whole house," as an additional section of the said bill, and to come in as the 41st section, in the following words:

And be it enacted, That out of the funds to be raised by this act, the sum of twenty thousand dollars after the first year, be and the same is hereby annually appropriated for ever to the support and maintenance of free schools in the several counties in this state.

Resolved in the affirmative—yeas 42, nays 30.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, it was Ordered, That the said bill, with the several amendments concurred in as above, be engrossed, and read a second time to morrow.

Pursuant to the order adopted by this house on yesterday, the house then adjourned until this evening five o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, FIVE O'CLOCK,
February 27, 1828.

The house met, pursuant to adjournment. Were present, the same members as in the morning.

Bills of the following titles, were this evening severally reported:

By Mr. Comegys, An act to incorporate the trustees of the Millington Academy, in Kent county.

By Mr. Peter, An act to provide for the repair of public roads in Montgomery county. And,

By Mr. Martin, An act to incorporate the town commonly called and known by the name of The Trappe, in Talbot county.

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

The bill reported by Mr. Linthicum, entitled, An act for the protection of sheep in Anne-Arundel county, and for other purposes, was also taken up for consideration, and in the progress of the second reading thereof,

On motion by Mr. Holtz, the said bill was so amended, as to include within its provisions, Frederick county.

On motion by Mr. Ely, the said bill was further amended, so as to include within its provisions, Baltimore county.

On motion by Mr. Martin, the said bill was further amended, so as to include within its provisions, Talbot county.

On motion by Mr. Hoblitzell, the said bill was further amended, so as to include within its provisions, Allegany county.

Mr. Thomas of Cecil, then moved to modify the said bill, so as to embrace within its provisions, the several counties of this state.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough, the said bill was then recommitted to the standing committee on agriculture, with instructions to report a general bill on that subject.

The house then adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, February 28, 1828.

The house met. Were present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Steuart of Baltimore, chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report; which was read, and laid on the table, viz.

The committee on crimes and punishments, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Prince-George's county, praying the selling of spirituous liquors without license, be made a penitentiary offence, beg leave to report—That the grievance complained of does, in the opinion of the committee, exist, and ought to be remedied. The committee however, are of opinion that the making the offence of selling liquor without license punishable by confinement in the penitentiary, would be impolitic, as there would probably be more frequent and successful applications for remission of the punishment if increased, than as it stands now, it being admitted that the fine, light as it now is, is seldom enforced. The committee would also remark, that a bill passed by this house at the present session, entitled, An act to regulate the issuing of licenses to traders, keepers of ordinaries and others, which bill has passed the senate with some amendments, not likely to defeat the passage of this law, contains provisions well adapted to prevent the selling of liquor without licence, and to detect and punish that offence, and that it will be well to make a fair experiment of this new law, before recourse is had to any more severe system.

Geo. H. Steuart, Chairman.
By order, J. S. Smith, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Gantt, the following resolution, submitted by him for consideration, was read the first, and, by a special order, the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate for concurrence, viz.

Resolved, That the governor and council be requested to transmit, as soon as practicable, an authenticated copy of an act, entitled, An act relative to the inspection of tobacco in this state, passed at the present session, to each of the tobacco inspectors in this state.

On motion by Mr. M'Mahon, the several other orders of the day, entitled to a preference, were postponed, for the purpose of taking up for consideration, the bill which was made the order of the day for Friday the 22d instant, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the promotion of internal improvement. When,

On motion by Mr. M'Mahon, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole house on the said bill, and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Banning, the chairman, reported that the said committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and adopted sundry amendments thereto, which he was directed to report, with said bill, to the house. Which amendments were read, and severally concurred in by the house.

The house then proceeded to consider said bill, as amended, and in the progress of the second reading thereof,

On motion by Mr. Hughes, of Montgomery, the question was taken, Will the house agree to amend the first section of said bill, by striking out so much thereof as repeals the act authorising a subscription of five hundred thousand dollars to the Maryland Canal? And it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Steuart, of Baltimore, the following amendments, offered by him to said bill, were read, and severally adopted, viz.

In the third line of the third section, strike out the word, "ten," and insert, "five."

And at the end of the third section insert the following:

"And provided also, before any such subscription is made, the president and directors of the said company shall, in writing, (to be approved by the attorney general,) bind the said company to allow the state to subscribe for the remaining five thousand shares, on the same terms, at any time during the session of the next general assembly."

On motion by Mr. Shower, the question was then taken, Will the house agree to strike out the third section of said bill, amended as above? And it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Lee offered the following amendment, as an additional section, to come in at the end of the bill, viz.

And be it enacted, That the treasurer of the western shore be authorised and directed to issue a stock in the manner herein before provided, to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars, and vest the same in stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company; provided the commissioners appointed to open books for the subscription of stock in said company, shall agree to take the stock herein directed to be issued; any provision of any former law to the contrary notwithstanding.

And, on the question, Will the house agree to said amendment? It was determined in the negative—yeas 11, nays 52.

The question then recurred and was propounded, Shall the said bill pass, as amended? Resolved in the affirmative—yeas 45, nays 23.

FRIDAY, February 29, 1828.

The house met. Were present, the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Petitions and memorials, of the following titles, were this day severally presented:

By Mr. Steuart of Baltimore, the petition of Susan Evans, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce from her husband; which was referred to the standing committee on divorces.

By Mr. Hughes of Montgomery, the petition of William Sprigg, Martha E. Sprigg, Randolph Sprigg, and Samuel Sprigg, the children and heirs at law of John Sprigg, late of Montgomery county, deceased; and Joseph A. Johnson, the administrator of said deceased, praying for a law curing and remedying a certain defect in the deed of mortgage therein mentioned, and making the same good and valid to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been executed, acknowledged and recorded, in the manner prescribed by the laws of this state; which was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Hughes of Montgomery, Semmes and Kemp.

By Mr. Shriver, the memorial of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying for a law by which a defect in certain proceedings of Frederick county court, therein mentioned, relative to the location of a new road leading from, or near the tavern of George Rinchard, by the mill formerly owned by Greenbury B. Magers, thence across Pipe creek to Peter Miksell's, and thence to the Pennsylvania line, so as to intersect a road leading to Hanover, may be cured; that the levy court of said county may be authorised to receive and adopt said road as a county road, and for other purposes; which was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Shriver, Kemp and Holtz.

By Mr. Hitch, the petition of John Shockley, of Saul, of Worcester county, praying for a law whereby he may be enabled to obtain from the heirs and representatives of Sampson Davis, deceased, a deed of conveyance for certain lands therein mentioned; which was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Hitch, Powell and Stevens. And,

By Mr. M'Culloh, the petition of Richard Beall and Gustavus Beall, of Allegany county, administrators with the will annexed, of Thomas Beall, of Samuel, praying for a law appointing a trustee for the sale of certain real estate therein mentioned, for the payment of the debts of the deceased; which was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. M'Culloh, M'Mahon and M'Neill.

Mr. M'Neill, having asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the promotion of internal improvement, passed at December session 1825; it was, on his motion, Ordered, That a select committee, consisting of five members, be appointed to prepare and report the same. Whereupon, Messrs. M'Neill, Peter, M'Mahon, Lee and M'Culloh, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Peter, from said committee, accordingly reported said bill; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sellman, offered the following order for consideration; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table, viz.

Ordered, That the committee on agriculture be instructed to report to this house what kind of wheat they consider best adapted to the soil of Maryland, and most likely to resist the ravages of the Hessian Fly; also to inquire into the nature and origin of said insect; that the committee be further instructed to report upon the propriety of reducing the price of the inspection of tobacco.

Mr. Semmes, from the joint committee of conference, reported a bill, entitled, An act to regulate sales by public auction; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Wells, the house proceeded to consider the bill reported by him, entitled, An act supplemental to the act, entitled, An act for the better regulation of chancery proceedings in certain cases; and being read the second time, it was passed, without amendment, and sent to the senate for concurrence

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On motion by Mr. Harlan, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act relating to the jurisdiction of justices of the peace of Cecil county, being an order of this day, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, and passed without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Martin, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to incorporate the town, commonly called and known by the name of The Trappe, in Talbot county, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, and passed without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Douglas of Caroline, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act for changing part of the divisional line between Dorchester and Caroline counties, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, and passed without amendment.

The Speaker left the chair, and (accompanied by the other members of this house, and the clerk thereof,) proceeded to the senate chamber, where he presented the engrossed bills of both houses, from number one to number ninety-three, inclusive, to his excellency the governor, who thereupon signed the same, and thereto affixed the great seal of the state, severally, in the presence of the members of both houses, in conformity with the provisions of the constitution and form of government; the titles whereof are as follow:

No. 1. An act to confirm an act, entitled, an act to change and repeal so much of the constitution and form of government of this state, as relates to the division of Queen-Anne's county into election districts.

2. An act to confirm an act, entitled, an act to repeal all that part of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Dorchester county into six separate election districts.

3. An act to make public a road therein mentioned.

4. A supplement to an act, entitled, an act to lay out and open a road from Westminster, in Frederick county, to the city of Washington and George town.

5. An act to confirm the name of Lufkin Tall Traverse, alias Lufkin Tall, of Dorchester county.

6. An act to repeal an act, entitled, an act to exempt the servants of overseers of the county roads in Dorchester county from doing duty on said roads, passed December session 1826, chap. 10.

7. An act to fix the compensation of jurors in Dorchester county.

8. An act to provide for the payment of jurors in Dorchester county.

9. An act to confirm and make valid the names of George Washington Brown, and Edward Lewis Brown, of Harford county.

10. A supplement to the act, entitled, an act to incorporate a Presbyterian and Lutheran Church in the county of Baltimore, passed at November session 1800, chapter 14.

11. An act for the benefit of Joseph Richardson, clerk of Caroline county court.

12. An act to authorise the levy court of Somerset county to contract for the removal of certain obstructions in Monokin river, and its several branches, and to levy the expenses thereof upon the said county.

13. An act for the further relief of Edward Alexander, of Cecil county.

14. A supplement to an act, entitled, an act for building a bridge over the North-west Fork of the Nanticoke river, in Caroline county, at or near a place called and known by the name of The Old Bloomery, and for other purposes therein named, passed at December session 1826.

15. An additional supplement to the act, entitled, an act concerning crimes and punishments, passed December session 1818, chapter one hundred and fifty-seven.

16. An act to fix the the compensation of judges and clerks of elections in and for Dorchester county.

17. A supplement to the act, entitled, an act relative to justices of the peace, and for other purposes, passed at December session 1815, chapter eighty-two.

18. An act to confirm the proceedings of the justices of the levy court of Somerset county.

19. An act to alter the present mode of appointing the justices of the levy court of Anne-Arundel county, so that each election district, and the city of Annapolis, may have one member.

20. A supplement to the act, entitled, an act for the establishment of Vestries for each Parish in this state.

21. A supplement to the act, entitled, an act for the opening of Monument-street in the city of Baltimore.

22. An act to correct an error in an act passed at December session 1826, for the benefit of Hesther Whitaker, and others, the heirs and representatives of Alexander Whitaker, deceased.

23. An act to ascertain and settle the salaries of the members of the executive council for the present year.

Selling off
Cheap for Cash
Bryan & Anderson,
Have determined to close their mercantile business; they offer to a generous public, (from whom they have received liberal encouragement,) the entire
Stock in Trade,
consisting of Dry Goods, Groceries, Glass, Queen's-ware, Hats, &c. &c. which they will sell at reduced prices. All persons indebted to the firm by note, book account, or otherwise, will please to call and settle the same on or before the first day of March next, as no longer indulgence cannot be given.
Jan. 17. 6w.

In Chancery,
11th Feby. 1828.
Ordered That the sale of the real estate of Richard Jordan, made and reported by William D. Merrick, trustee, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown before the 11th day of April next; provided a copy of this order be published once in each of three successive weeks, in one of the Annapolis newspapers, before the 11th day of March next. The report states the amount of sales to be $6958 75.
True copy,
Test, Ramsay Waters, Reg. Cur. Cancr.
Feb 14.

Notice is hereby given
That the subscriber has obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, short letters of administration with the will annexed, on the personal estate of Charles Stewart, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them legally authenticated, and those indebted are requested to make payment.
CHARLES R STEWART,
Adm'r W. A.
Feb 7 3w

C. HAYDEN,
DENTIST.
Respectfully offers his services to the citizens of Annapolis and its vicinity. He is at Mrs. ROBINSON'S where he will remain a short time only, and will be happy to render assistance that may be required of him in his profession.
Feb. 7

DR. DAVIS,
Intends, on the first of January, to open a Classical and Mathematical School at his dwelling near the Point Spring. The annual charges will be
For Tuition, (stationary not included) $8
For Board, (Lodging, Washing, Fuel & Candles, included) 8
Total, $
Quarterly payments in advance will be expected.
Nov. 15.

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This part of the history of Maryland should be her pride to hand down to posterity, not only on account of its deep interest, but as a part of State Record of the voluntary sacrifices, daring spirit, and determined resolution, of her citizens, during a period of doubt and dismay.
In the confident expectation that the citizens of Maryland will consider the proposed publication of sufficient importance to entitle it to their patronage, the Subscriber is induced to issue these proposals.
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Sheriff's Sale.
By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of Anne Arundel county court and to me directed, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of Horatio White, at suit of William Iglehart, I have seized and taken in execution, all the right, title and property, claim and demand, at law or in equity, of the said Horatio White, in and to all that tract of land called "Harry's Lot," containing two hundred and forty and one-half acres of land more or less. The property is situate near Merrill's Mill on Elk Ridge, and on Thursday the 13th day of March next, at the court house door in the city of Annapolis, I shall proceed to sell the said property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to discharge the debt, to the highest bidder, for cash, and for the debt due as aforesaid. The sale to commence at eleven o'clock.
A. R. Welch, of Ben. late Shff. A. A. county.

LAND FOR SALE.
By virtue of a decree of the court of chancery, the subscriber will offer at public sale, on Friday the 14th of March next, at 12 o'clock A. M. at the tavern in Annapolis the land of Benjamin Elliott, deceased. The land contains about 170 acres of land of excellent quality, and susceptible of improvement. It lies near the church of All Hallows parish, Anne-Arundel county and adjoining the farms of Moses Orme, Richard Sellman, and William Steuart, esqrs. This land will be sold on a credit of six, nine and twelve months. The purchasers to give bonds, with security for the payment of said purchase money, with interest from the day of sale.
The creditors of the said Benjamin Elliott, deceased, are hereby required to file their claims, properly authenticated, with the register of the court of chancery, within three months from the day of sale.
Test S Alexander, Trustee.
Feb 21. 3w

Constable's Sale.
By virtue of sundry writs of fieri facias issued by Rinaldo Pindell, esq. one of the peace for Anne-Arundel county, at the suit of Martin Fenby against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements, of Ann Bass I have seized and taken in execution a quantity of Tobacco, 3 head of stock or parcel of land called Hickory Ridge, and Sorry Bargain, and on Friday the 15th of March 1828, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, on the premises, I shall proceed to sell the property for cash, to satisfy the said execution as aforesaid.
Plaintiff's Attorney J. Drury, Con'ble.