

On motion by Mr. Causin, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled An act to prohibit the emigration of free negroes into this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Causin, Seman and Haynie, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Pitt, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to increase the allowance of sheriffs in the different counties therein mentioned for keeping prisoners in gaol and finding them victuals. Ordered, That Messrs. Pitt, Dennis and Griffith, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Kell delivers a petition from Christopher Hughes, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a law to compel the mayor and city council of Baltimore to fill up Quay-street, and to open and render passable Hughes-street; which was read and referred to Messrs. Kell, W. Stewart, Harryman, Price and Warner.

The bill, entitled, An act to confirm the title of James Alexander and John Alexander, of Harford county, to certain lands therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. R. Dorsey, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Barne Deane and Catharine Deane, and her children. Ordered, That Messrs. R. Dorsey, Bowles and Potts be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Washington from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the expediency of recommending to the general government the adoption of measures to prevent or limit the exportation of grain, having duly considered the same, ask leave to report in favour of the measure, under the belief that the public good will be promoted thereby, and that it is essential to the comfort and welfare of the great mass of our population, it being seriously apprehended that scarcity in bread stuffs, and great consequent distress, will be experienced before the crops of the ensuing spring will be in market, in consequence of the general failure of the corn crops in this and the adjacent states, the large exports of flour and grain, and the immense consumption in distillation. The probability of the ports of England being opened for the importation of grain will offer inducements to speculators, who it is believed will be the only class of citizens who will suffer inconvenience; men, whose cupidity lead them to disregard the misfortunes of their fellow citizens it can have no permanent or injurious effect in restraining or limiting commercial enterprise, neither can it paralise the arm of industry, as it is believed that there is not a larger quantity of grain for sale than will be required for home consumption, and that consequently the present high prices will continue. The general complaints of the scarcity of this necessary of life call aloud for legislative interference to ameliorate the public suffering, or at least prevent the further growth of the evil. This step is dictated no less by humanity than sound policy. Your committee would respectfully suggest here, that though unfriendly restrictive measures, tending to cramp the genius of commerce and impoverish our country, yet as a measure of necessity, protecting our citizens from the horrors attending the absolute want of the necessary of life, they deem such measure expedient and proper. Under these considerations they are influenced in submitting the following resolutions:

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law prohibiting or limiting the exportation of bread stuffs during the ensuing year or for such length of time as may be most advisable.

Resolved, That the honourable the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of delegates cause copies of the above resolution to be made out and signed by the president on behalf of the senate and by the speaker on behalf of the house of delegates, and forwarded to the members of congress from this state.

By order,

S. FOUNTAIN, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Bradford delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for certain alterations in the law for the relief of the poor of said county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Bradford, H. Hall and Sewell.

Mr. T. H. Dorsey delivers petitions from Ruthy Sewell and Thomas Cadle, of Anne-Arundel county, praying that the levy court may be authorised to levy a sum of money for their support; which were severally read and referred to Messrs. T. H. Dorsey, Sellman and R. Dorsey.

Mr. Causin delivers a petition from Charles Thompson, of Saint-Mary's county, a soldier of the revolutionary war, praying compensation for his services; which was read and referred to Messrs. Causin, Blakistone and Scott.

On motion by Mr. Hands, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the revision and modification of the laws of Maryland. Ordered that Messrs. Hands, Potts, Long, Dennis and Lecompte be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Long delivers a petition from Amelia Maddox, formerly of Somerset county, but now of Baltimore county, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Long, Carroll and Haynie.

The house according to the order of the day proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act for altering and amending an act, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, the words "for the time being" were stricken out of the first section of the bill.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, the question was put, That the first section of the bill be stricken out? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.					
R Dorsey	Showers	Hart	Quinton	H Hall	Williams
T H Dorsey	Banning	Griffith	Potts	Glenn	Bowles
C Stewart	Dennis	Duvall	Taney	Driver	Schnebly
Horrell	Long	Roberts	Howard	Culbreth	Hager
Warner	Carroll	Meconnikin	Davis	W Stewart	Watkins
Harryman	Haynie	Harrison	Sewell	Kell	Tomlinson
Price	Lecompte	Stevens	Bradford		
NEGATIVE.					
Mr Speaker	Dunn	Jenkins	Beard	Callis	Lanham
Scott	Whittington	Posey	A D Mitchell	Selby	Washington
H Watts	Chew	Hambleton	Thomas	Handy	Ridgely
Blakistone	Turner	Hands	Frey	I Mitchell	Prather
Causin	Stoddert	Seth	Semmes		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.