

The bill to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Elkton to the site of the proposed bridge near Rock Run, was read the second time and passed.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill authorising John C. Reeves, late deputy sheriff and collector for Alexander Johnson, former sheriff of Charles county, to complete his collection. On motion by Mr. Seth, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be referred to the first day of June next? Resolved in the affirmative.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, praying that commissioners be appointed to examine the road leading from Doctor Whittington's gate to the head of Chester, was read the second time, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The bill for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the city of Annapolis, was read the second time and passed.

The bill to permit William Gibbons, a free man of colour, to emigrate and remove into this state; the bill to lay out and make public a road therein mentioned in Cecil county; and the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting the settlers on the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, were severally read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, the question was put, That the house reconsider the order relative to the hours of meeting and adjournment of the house? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, the question was then put, That the house adopt the following order? Ordered, That this house for the remainder of the session will sit from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and from 5 o'clock P. M. till 9 o'clock P. M. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the following message was read and agreed to:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 27, 1817.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We propose, with the concurrence of your house, to proceed at 12 o'clock to-morrow to an election of a director on the part of the state in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Baltimore. George Taylor, Doctor Edward Harris, Hezekiah Clagett, and Washington Hall, are put in nomination by this house, and we have appointed Messrs. Blakistone and Schnebly to join such gentlemen as may be named by you to count the ballots and report the result.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Hambleton, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting certificates of survey made on the eastern shore. Ordered, That Messrs. Hambleton, Lecompte and Seth, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Seth, the question was put, That the house adopt the following order? Ordered, That the several bills now on the table, and such as may hereafter be brought in during this session, be regularly numbered by the clerk of this house, and that said bills be called up for a second reading according to their number, unless where a bill is made the order of a certain day. Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

## TUESDAY, January 28, 1817.

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

The further additional supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers; the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting the settlers on the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland; the bill to lay out and make public a road therein mentioned in Cecil county; the bill to permit William Gibbons, a free man of colour, to emigrate and remove into this state; the bill for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the city of Annapolis; the bill to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Elkton to the site of the proposed bridge near Rock Run; the bill for the benefit of Thomas H. Bowie register in chancery; the bill to change and alter the mode of repairing the public roads in Worcester county; and the bill to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways; the resolution appointing commissioners to view the road therein mentioned, and the message proposing to go into an election for a director on the part of the state in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Baltimore, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Posey delivers a petition from John Maddox, praying for a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs. Posey, Semmes and Jenkins.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the market space in Hager's-town to the west bank of Conococheague; the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the river Susquehanna through Charlestown to the Elkton and Christiana turnpike; the bill authorising the drawing of a lottery for the purposes therein mentioned; and the bill to repeal the act, entitled, An act for the suppression of fairs throughout this state, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to make the final discharge of trustees appointed by the chancellor or judges of the county court matter of record, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill authorising the sale of the real estate of Joseph Dodson, late of Dorchester county, deceased; and the bill to lay out and make public the roads therein mentioned in Harford county, and for other purpose, severally endorsed, "will not pass." A bill, entitled, An act directing the printing and distributing the laws therein mentioned, endorsed, passed by the senate January 28, 1817; which was read. A bill, entitled, An act for the temporary relief of the poor in the several counties in this state, endorsed, passed by the senate January 27, 1817; which was read. A bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to appoint Samuel Ogle trustee for the sale of the real estate of Joseph Ogle, late of Frederick county, deceased, endorsed, passed by the senate January 27, 1817; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed. A bill, entitled, An act for the sale of the Baltimore dancing assembly rooms, endorsed, passed by the senate January 23, 1817; which was read. The resolutions in favour of Benjamin Young, Solomon Summers, Allen Townsend, John Newman, William Law, Gabriel Galworth, Basil Burgess, John Leather, William Davis, Lawrence Hurdle, Lawrence Simpson, Robert Bruce, John E. Hoff, Michael Boyer, Abraham Hooper, William Reiley, William Layman, Christopher Parrot, James Davidson, Hugh Connelly, senior, Benjamin Stevens, Charles Thompson, Kinsey Harrison, William Ablett, Thomas Thompson, Nathan Griffin, John Bennett, Richard Bidwell, Henry Leeke, and John J.