

to amend and reduce into one system the laws of descents; and after some time spent therein, on motion by Mr. Harrison, the further consideration thereof was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, the question was put, That the house adjourn? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.					
Eccleston	Garner	Beard	Stephen	Davis	Forrest
C Stewart	Martin	Digges	Handy	Whiteley	Tomlinson
T. H. Dorsey	Stevens	Claggett	Bradford	Yates	Tidball
Turner	Nabb	Claude	Steel	Schnebly	23
NEGATIVE.					
Mr Speaker	Hynson	Carroll	Pitt	Pigman	Woodyear
Jones	Showers	Haynie	Keene	Buckey	Sweitzer
Causin	Snowden	Lecompte	Tyson	Holbrook	Kennedy
Blakistone	Johnson	Griffith	Hawkins	Saulsbury	23

So it was determined in the negative.

The bill authorising the levy court of Somerset county to levy and assess a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Carroll delivers a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act making a public landing place in Somerset county, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Stephen delivers a petition from Mary Mackubin, widow of Frederick Mackubin, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, praying for a law giving her right of dower in certain lands purchased by her deceased husband of the trustees for the sale of part of the real estate of Colonel James Brice, deceased; which was read and referred to Messrs. Stephen, Claude and T. H. Dorsey.

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

TUESDAY, January 27, 1818.

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

The bill authorising the levy court of Somerset county to levy and assess a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned, and the bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act making a public landing place in Somerset county, and for other purposes, were sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Kell, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act extending the time for taking the bond of the sheriff of Baltimore county. Ordered, That Messrs. Kell, Woodyear and Johnson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Kell delivers the said bill; which was read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Pigman delivers a petition from Eleanor McCann, of Frederick county, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Johnson delivers a petition from Chloe Cockey, of Baltimore county, widow of captain John Cockey, who was a creditor of Mark Alexander, praying that the treasurer of the western shore may be authorised to pay her a certain sum of money which was heretofore paid into the treasury by the said Mark Alexander; which was read and referred to Messrs. Johnson, Wilson and Woodyear.

Mr. Pigman delivers a petition from Justinian Mayberry, praying to be paid his claim for furnishing a militia company in the late war with breakfast; which was read and referred to Messrs. Pigman, Hawkins and Downey.

The bill authorising commissioners to purchase a fire engine, for the use of the inhabitants of William's-port, in Washington county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill for the relief of Eleanor Kennedy, of the District of Columbia, and the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of completing an invention in the art of war, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the order of the day for the second reading of the bill to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways, was postponed until to-morrow.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to amend and reduce into one system the laws of descents

On motion by Mr. Woodyear, the following section was inserted at the end of the 11th section of the bill, viz: "And be it enacted, that wherever commissioners have been or may be appointed by the court of chancery, or any county court, pursuant to the act to direct descents, and have, or hereafter may make sale of any estate by order of any of said courts, and the purchaser or purchasers has or have assigned his, her, or their equitable interest therein, that then the commissioners, or the survivors of them, on being satisfied thereof, and that all liens on the said estate created by and under the said commission have been satisfied and paid, are hereby authorised and empowered to execute and deliver to such assignee or assignees, good and sufficient deed or deeds for the same, in the same manner they could have done to the original purchaser or purchasers."

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the following proviso was inserted at the end of the 21st section, provided always, that no female shall be permitted to make an election until she shall arrive at the age of twenty one years.

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, the question was put, That the 22d, 24th and 35th sections, be stricken out, for the purpose of inserting the following, viz: "And be it enacted, That whenever any person or persons are, or hereafter may be, entitled as tenants by the courtesy to any part of the real estate of an intestate, and the commissioners shall determine that the estate will admit of a division, the commissioners shall be and they are hereby empowered and directed, to ascertain and lay off the part or parts, portion or portions, of the tenant or tenants by courtesy, before they shall proceed to divide the same; and the said commissioners shall make the ascertainment and location of such portion or portions of the tenant or tenants by courtesy a part of their return to such commission, and the county court, or chancellor, as the case may be, shall determine thereon, and confirm or reject the same, as in other cases under this act. And be it enacted, That whenever any person or persons are, or hereafter may be, entitled as tenants by the courtesy to any part of the real estate of an intestate, and the commissioners shall determine, and so certify to the court or chancellor, that the said estate cannot be divided without loss and injury to all the