

The bill authorising the confinement of persons convicted in the courts of the United States for the district of Maryland, in the penitentiary of this state, was read the second time, and passed.

Mr. Dennis reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the opening and extension of Pratt-street, in the city of Baltimore; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Boyle, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to declare and enlarge the powers of the court of chancery, and the county courts as courts of equity. Ordered, That Messrs. Boyle, Marriott and Maulsby, report the same

On motion by Mr. Quinton, the following resolution was read.

Resolved, That if the commissioners appointed under the law of December session 1816, chapter 256, entitled; An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein mentioned, shall neglect to meet and make such disposition of the same as is required by the provisions of said law, on or before the first Monday in March next, then and in that case the justices of the levy court of Worcester county, be and they are hereby authorised, to draw on the treasurer of the western shore, from time to time, for such sums as they, or a majority of them, may direct, and the said treasurer is hereby authorised and directed to pay such sums as they may draw of the said fund, to be applied to the education of the poor children of Worcester county

On motion by Mr. Polk, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to establish and perpetuate the bounds of land, and for quieting possessions, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. Polk, Marriott, Harrison, Lecompte, Dennis, Maulsby and Forrest, report the same.

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

TUESDAY, January 11, 1820.

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

The bill relating to the confinement of persons convicted in the courts of the United States for the district of Maryland, in the penitentiary of this state; the bill relating to constables in the city of Baltimore; the bill relating to the city court of Baltimore; the act supplementary to the act, entitled, An act for the further compensation of jurors in Harford county; the bill extending the time for taking the bond of the sheriff of Calvert county, and the resolution in favour of Zachariah Roberts, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Maulsby presents a petition from George W. Bradford, of Harford county, praying to be refunded a certain sum paid in virtue of an escheat warrant, for land which was not liable to escheat; which was read and referred to Messrs. Maulsby, Forwood and H. Hall. Also a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, relative to the weighing of hay in the city of Baltimore; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Montgomery presents a petition from the president and directors of the Mechanics Bank, praying they may be authorized to declare dividends at the expiration of each half year, of the actual net profits which shall have accrued during that period; which was read and referred to Messrs. Montgomery, Breckenridge, Maulsby, Forwood and Dorsey.

The speaker laid before the house, a report from the Mechanics Bank; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on similar reports.

Mr. Lucas presents a petition from Philemon Simmons, a revolutionary soldier; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Saulsbury presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, praying a suspension of executions; which was read and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill for that purpose.

Mr. Dashiell presents a petition from a committee appointed by Salisbury Lodge No. 57, praying to be incorporated; which was read and referred to Messrs. Dashiell, Maulsby and King.

Mr. Maulsby presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Harford counties, praying for a bridge over Herring Run; which was read and referred to Messrs. Maulsby, Showers and A. H. Price.

The further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Nanticoke river, at or near Vienna, in Dorchester county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Whitely, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, A further supplement to an act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein named, so far as relates to Caroline county. Ordered, That Messrs. Whitely, Willis and Saulsbury, report the same.

Mr. Saulsbury and Mr. Willis delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county on the same subject; which were read and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Wm. Price reports a bill, entitled, An act to record and make valid the deed therein mentioned.

Mr. Lecompte reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Arthur H. Willis of Dorchester county. And Mr. Polk reports a bill, entitled, An act relating to the duty of overseers of public roads in the several counties of this state; which were severally read.

The bill to authorise the recording a deed therein mentioned was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 11, 1820.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We again return the bill, entitled, "An act authorising William Robinson to remove his negroes from the state of Virginia into this state," to you for consideration. The informality alluded to in your message of the 5th inst. was entirely accidental. A message was prepared and sent, but the chief clerk was indisposed, and the gentleman who acted in his stead, not being experienced in parliamentary usages, did not suppose that it could have been of any importance to place the message on the top rather than within the folds of the bill, where he did place it. Hence the error. This statement is deemed sufficient to satisfy the senate that nothing offensive to the dignity of that body, or any designed violation of established usages, was intended. We hope, upon reconsideration, that you will pass the bill herewith returned.

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