

for the more effectual amendment of legal proceedings; and a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the managers of the Medical College Lottery, severally endorsed "will pass;" which were read. And the bill for the relief of Benjamin Rawlings of the city of Baltimore, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the resolutions in favour of the examiner general and the armourer, severally endorsed "assented to."

The further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the square in the town of Boonsborough, in Washington county, to Swearingen's ferry, on the Potomac river, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, Ordered, That the bill relative to the oaths of office, have a second reading on to morrow.

Mr. Boyle delivers the following report:

The committee of elections and privileges, to whom was referred the memorial of George B. Milligan, Henry Stump, Nicholas Hyland, of Stephen, and James Janny, stating that the sitting members from Cecil county have not a majority of legal voters, and that the judges had acted illegally, praying that the same may be enquired into. report—That they have had the said memorial under consideration, and have attentively weighed the same, and are of opinion, that an enquiry should be immediately entered into with a view to ascertain the truth of such allegation. From the late period of the session at which the memorial was presented to the house, the committee have met with great difficulty in adopting a plan, calculated to forward the views of the memorialists, and at the same time afford the sitting members an opportunity to rebut the charges contained in the memorial, with the same facilities to both. Your committee, after much reflection on this subject, have come to a determination to submit to the wisdom of the house the plan contained in the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a commission be issued forthwith by the clerk of this house to of Cecil county, with power to them, or a majority of them, to take the depositions of such person or persons, as may be produced before them, on the part of the memorialists, or the sitting members, either by themselves or their agents, for that purpose specially appointed, or by summons from the said commissioners at the instance either of the memorialists, or sitting members, or their agents respectively.

Resolved, That any summons issued by said commissioners, for any person or persons, be directed to such person or persons, commanding him, her or them, and each and every of them, to be and appear before the said commissioners, upon such day, and at such place within Cecil county, to be by the said commissioners named, to give testimony in the Cecil contested election.

Resolved, That the said commissioners be and they are hereby requested, forthwith to proceed to execute the duties of said commission by taking the testimony of such person or persons as may appear before them under the authority aforesaid, and that the said testimony, when reduced into writing by the clerk or clerks to said commissioners, by said commissioners appointed, and attested by the hand and seal of the said commissioners, or a majority of them, be received by this house as competent testimony in the case of said contested election.

Resolved, That the commissioners aforesaid give five days notice to the memorialists and sitting members, or their agent or agents respectively, of the time and place of taking such depositions, and that they may adjourn from time to time, as they may deem necessary. and that the oath of the commissioners, to be administered by a justice of the peace, be as follows: "You shall, according to the best of your skill and knowledge, truly, faithfully, and without partiality to any or either of the memorialists or sitting members, take the examinations and depositions of all and every witness and witnesses produced and examined by virtue of the commission hereunto annexed, upon the interrogatories now or which may hereafter before the said commission is closed, be produced to and left with you by either of the memorialists, the sitting members, or their agents, so help you God." And the oath of the clerk, to be administered by a justice of the peace, shall be—You shall truly faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the memorialists or sitting members, take, write down, and transcribe, the depositions of all and every the witness and witnesses produced before and examined by the commissioners named in the commission hereunto annexed, as far forth as you are directed and employed by the said commissioners, to take, write down, and transcribe the said depositions, or any of them, so help you God. And the oath of a witness, to be administered by a justice of the peace, shall be—the evidence you shall give respecting the Cecil election, now depending before the house of delegates, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God. All which is submitted.

By order,

R. BENNETT, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Allen presents a petition from Harriet Matthews of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce, which was read and referred to Messrs. Allen, J. P. Kennedy and Polk.

Mr. R. T. Hall presents a petition from Thomas Gibbons, of Prince-George's county; which was read and referred to the committee on out pensions

Mr. Bowles reports a bill, entitled. An act for the benefit of the Conococheague Bank in Williamsport, in Washington county; which was read.

Mr. Boyle presents the memorial of Jehu Chandler, praying he may be authorised to institute a suit against the state for his claim, and that the court may have power to decide on the merits of it alone; which was read and referred to Messrs. Boyle, Duvall and Lecompte.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill relative to sales at auction. After some time spent in debating the same, on motion by Mr. Maulsby, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the next general assembly? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE—Speaker, Marriott, Steward, T. W. Hall, Wyvill, Weems, Kent, Dalrymple Showers, Snowden, Orrick, D. Martin, Hayward, N. Martin, S. Stevens, W. Eccleston, Lake, Frazier, J. S. Moffitt, Archer, T. Williams, Lyles, J. Forrest, Boyle, Wright, R. Stevens, R. Moffitt, Nicholson, Cockey, Maulsby, Allen, Alderson, Norris, Willis, Hardcastle, Whitely, Barney, J. P. Kennedy, Gaby, T. Kennedy, Kershner, Bowles.—42.

NEGATIVE—Key, Reeder, Millard, Boyer, Thomas, J. B. Eccleston, Brown, Beckett, Stoddert, Edelen, Posey, Rogerson, Dashiell, Dennis, King, Polk, Lecompte, R. T. Hall, Duvall, T. N. Williams,