

they relate to the personal treatment which he received from sundry citizens of Pennsylvania, while in the peaceable and legal exercise of the provisions of the act of congress relating to the reception of fugitive slaves. Your committee cannot but express their regret, that such proceedings should have been adopted towards him; and they deem it their duty to call the attention of the legislature of Pennsylvania to the necessity of adopting some efficient legislative provision, to check, as far as practicable, the too frequent practices of some of her citizens in harbouring fugitive slaves, in deterring by threats of personal violence those who seek to capture them, and employing the agency of the civil authority to coerce such persons to abandon their property, secured to them by the constitution of our common country, rather than undergo the embarrassments incidental to confinement and trial, under the suppositious crime of violating the laws of her state against kidnapping. The repeated occurrences of this kind your committee believe has already produced distrusts and jealousies between the citizens of the two states, and if continued, your committee verily believe will eventuate in an entire alienation of those affections and sympathies which ought to regulate the intercourse between neighboring states, and will give rise to such collisions, as will render the casual meetings of their citizens dangerous to the public tranquility. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the governor be requested immediately to transmit to his excellency the governor of Pennsylvania, a copy of this report and documents, with a respectful request that the same be submitted to the consideration of the legislature of Pennsylvania.

*Resolved also,* That the governor of this state be requested immediately to communicate to his excellency the governor of Pennsylvania, that the interposition of the executive power of that state to secure Adam Showers from suffering any further inconvenience from the charge preferred against him, for an alleged violation of the laws of Pennsylvania, while attempting to recapture his slave in York county, will be considered by the general assembly as a kind attempt to allay the irritation prevailing among a large portion of our population, from wrongs which they suppose they have received from the citizens of that state.

By order, GEO. A. SMITH, Clk.

Which was read the first and second time and assented to.

Mr. Forwood reports a bill entitled, An act to regulate officers fees of this state; which was read. The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1821.

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

The report and resolutions on the petition of Adam Showers, Esquire; the bill authorising George A. Dunkel, to remove a certain negro slave from Berkley county, Virginia, into this state, and the supplement to the act entitled, An act to erect a new market house in Hager's Town, in Washington county, were sent to the senate.

Littleton P. Dennis, Esquire, a delegate returned for Somerset county, appeared, qualified and took his seat.

Mr. King presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying for a public landing at the place known by the name of Levin Jones' landing; which was read and referred to Messrs. King, Dennis and Ballard.

Also a petition from William A. Schoolfield, of Somerset county, praying for a correction of a mistake in an escheat warrant obtained by him from the Eastern Shore land office; read and referred to Messrs. King, Waters and Dennis.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Worcester county, relative to the attendance of the judges; which was read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Thomas Kemp presents a petition from Terrence Dooris, of Talbot county, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. T. Kemp, Loockerman and Martin.

Mr. Hughes presents a petition from Jane Gaither, of the city of Annapolis, praying for the support of John Glover; read and referred to Messrs. Hughes, Woodward and Brown.

On motion by Mr. Henry Kemp, ORDERED, That Col. Thomas C. Worthington, John Hoffman, James F. Houston, Samuel Webster and Caspar Mantz, be appointed to examine the state of the barracks at Frederick Town, and also the state of the arms and camp-quippage deposited in the said barracks, and make report thereof as soon as practicable; and that the clerk of this house be directed to transmit a copy of this order to the persons therein named immediately.

The speaker lays before the house a communication from the auditor general of this state, relative to the treasurer's accounts; read and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of Benedict and Alexius Boone, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Saulsbury presents a petition from James Williams, of Caroline county, praying for support; which was read and referred to Messrs. Saulsbury, Douglass, and Hardcastle.

Mr. Edelin reports a bill entitled, An act to make valid two deeds therein mentioned, and Mr. Bruce reports a bill entitled, A further supplement to an act for securing and regulating ordinary keepers; which were read.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 14, 1821

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have appointed Messrs. Gabby, Loockerman, Darne, Hoffman, Jenifer, Ballard and Millard,