

The house resumed the consideration of the supplement to the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state; which was amended, and on motion by Mr. Norris, the question was put That the same be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative; the question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

The additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco. And the bill for the relief of William A. Speck, of the city of Baltimore, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Norris, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery for the purpose of raising a sum of money to pave the streets of Belle-Air, in Harford county. Ordered, That Messrs. Norris, Chauncey and Allen, reports the same.

On motion by Mr. Jones, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate public ferries in Somerset county. Ordered, That Messrs. Jones, Teackle and Dennis, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Steele, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans, and other representatives of deceased persons. Ordered, That Messrs. Steele, Loockerman and Wright, report the same.

Mr. John P. Kennedy presents a petition from Cornelius H. Mills; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. George S. Leigh reports a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act for licensing and regulating ordinary keepers, and for other purposes.

And Mr. Dennis reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Nathaniel Boggs; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Purviance, Ordered, That the bill to repeal certain parts of the act, entitled, A supplement to the act laying duties on licenses to retailers of dry goods, and for other purposes, passed at December session, 1821, chapter 246, have a second reading on the 17th instant.

The bill relating to the official bonds of sheriffs, and other officers of this state, was read the second time:

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the question was put, That the first clause, which provides, that when any sheriff, collector, coroner, or constable, in this state, shall hereafter give bond for the discharge of his official duty, and the said bond shall be drawn as a joint bond, the same shall be considered and taken, in any court of law or equity in this state, as a joint and several bond, and the same proceedings may and shall be had thereon in every case of breach of the condition thereof, as if the said bond were joint and several," be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. John P. Kennedy, That the following be inserted in lieu thereof;

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all bonds to be taken hereafter from any sheriff, collector, coroner or constable, in this state, shall be and are hereby directed to be taken as joint and several bonds."

Mr. Allen moved the following as an amendment thereto;

"And that officers of courts of justice are hereby prohibited from taking costs of more than one suit or action, on any suits or actions instituted on any such bond as aforesaid, under the penalty of forty dollars to be recovered of any person violating the provisions of this act, before any justice of the peace of the county in which such person resides, by any person suing for the same."

When a motion was made by Mr. Chauncey, and the question was put, That the same be referred to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Purviance, the following message was read, and with the bill therein mentioned, sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 12, 1823.

Gentlemen of the Senate—We return you the bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Eleanor Banks, of the city of Baltimore," which was rejected by your honourable body, and respectfully ask a reconsideration of the same.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the question was put, That the house reconsider the bill incorporating the Potomac Canal Company?

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Speaker, Millard, G. Leigh, Stone, Maddox, Hodges, Stonestreet, Edelen, Rogerson, Garner, Loockerman, Martin, Teackle, Dennis, Steele, Sheredine, Parker, Gerry, Cosden, Semmes, Hughes, Carroll, Roberts, Pratt, Riley, Franklin, Chauncey, Allen, T. Kennedy, Drury, Keller, Galloway, Williams, A. Lee, Greenwell, Hoffman, Pollard, Tomlinson—38:

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Ireland, Linthicum, Howard, Dalrymple, Weems, Smith, Skinner, Stansbury, Orrick, Johnson, Worthington, Lloyd, Jones, Byus, Thomas, Fisher, Norris, Whiteford, Boon, Casson, Saulsbury, Douglass, John P. Kennedy, Purviance, Kilgour, Massey.—26.

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. A. Lee, the said bill was recommitted,

On motion by Mr. John P. Kennedy, Ordered, that the committee be instructed to amend the bill relative to the Potomac Canal Company, by striking out the provisos of the last sec-