

Mr. Thomas Kennedy reports a further supplement to the act, entitled, A supplement to the act laying duties on licences to retailers of dry goods, and for other purposes, passed at December session 1821, chapter 246; which was read. Ordered to have a second reading on Wednesday next.

Mr. John P. Kennedy delivers the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the trustees of St. Peter's Free School, be and they are hereby released from the payment of interest upon the loan heretofore made to them by this state.

The bill authorising the orphans court of Charles county to decree the sale of certain property, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, Ordered, that the bill to regulate sales by auction have a second reading on Wednesday.

*Ordered*, That the bill to repeal the first section of an act, entitled, A supplement to the act laying duties on licences to retailers of dry goods, and for other purposes; and the bill to repeal certain parts of the act, entitled, An act laying duties on licences to retailers of dry goods, and for other purposes, have a second reading on Wednesday next.

The bill to authorise John Spear Smith, of the city of Baltimore, to import certain slaves into this state, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill relative to the Delaware and Chesapeake canal. On motion by Mr. Parker the same was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to the Maryland Penitentiary. Ordered, that Messrs. Johnson, John P. Kennedy and Worthington, report the same.

Mr. Farquhar reports a bill, entitled, An act authorising the sale of the poor house and the ground belonging thereto, in Frederick county, and to provide for building a new one.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill relative to the Potomac Canal Company.

On motion by Mr. Edelen, the question was put, that the bill be withdrawn from the house?

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

**AFFIRMATIVE.**—Messrs. Speaker, Ireland, Massey, Hodges, Linthicum, Howard, Dalrymple, Smith, Skinner, Stonestreet Edelen, Hooper, Sheredine, Gerry Hughes, Meconiken, Pratt, Slemaker Riley, Franklin, H. Kemp, Farquhar, Rogerson, Stansbury, Orrick, Johnson, Worthington, Lloyd, Martin, Jones, Teackle, Dennis, Steele, Byus, Willis, Fisher, Norris, Allen, Whiteford, Saulsbury, Douglass, J. P. Kennedy, Purviance, Keller, Williams, Duvall, Greenwell Pollard—49.

**NEGATIVE.**—Messrs. G. Leigh, Stone Cosden, Carroll, Roberts, T. Kennedy, Drury, Galloway, A. Lee, Hoffman—10. Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution relative to the auditor, endorsed, "assented to." The additional supplement to the act granting a loan of money to the trustees, and the bill to incorporate the United States Naval Fraternal Association for the relief of the families of deceased officers, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. A bill, entitled, An act relating to Baltimore city court, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read. The bill to fix the place of holding the election in the second election district in Anne-Arundel county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill to incorporate the Avalon Company, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, and with the bill referred to the committee of conference.

The further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road to lead from the cross roads near Richard Caton's lime kiln, in Baltimore county, nearly in the direction of Jones' Falls, to the city of Baltimore, endorsed, "amendments receded from." Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Hooper presents a petition from William Gist, praying for the stay of an execution on a judgment; read and referred to Messrs. Hooper, Steele and Byus.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Hancock, in Washington county, to the Pennsylvania line, in the direction leading to Bedford in Pennsylvania. Ordered, that Messrs. T. Kennedy, Keller and Drury report the same.

Mr. John P. Kennedy delivers the following report:

The select committee appointed to enquire into the manner in which justice is administered in the courts of law and equity throughout this state, respectfully beg leave to report—That feeling they had assumed a difficult task, and one which to be properly performed, required very minute information upon the subject to which it referred, they deem it advisable, early in the season, to require from the clerks of the several counties, exhibits in detail of the quantity of business in their respective courts, and of the time necessarily employed in the discharge of it; with this view, your committee directed circular letters to the clerks demanding of them information as to their respective dockets, and calling upon them to furnish statements of the number of suits both on the law and equity sides of their courts, which have been originated and disposed of in the last three years—more especially directing their attention to the state of their trial dockets in that time, in order that their returns might shew what number of causes have been marked for trial at each term, and how many of these have been decided. These returns, with the exception of Kent county, (where on account of the death of the clerk a return could not be had,) have all been made, though most of them have arrived so late as to render it impossible to act upon them at the present session.

The reports have been most satisfactory, and by them the legislature has been put in possession of a mass of valuable information, which serves, in the most ample degree, to elucidate

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