

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

the Penitentiary, and to vest said committee with the power to examine such witnesses as they may deem proper and necessary to summon before them on oath. Should you accede to this proposal, we have appointed Messrs Semmes, Pitt and Edelen, on the part of this house to join such gentlemen as you may name.  
The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, January 17, 1824.

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

The clerk of the senate returns the act supplementary to the act entitled, an act to establish the line between Frederick and Washington counties, and the bill relating to the recovery of fines under the by laws of the corporation of the city of Annapolis, severally endorsed, "will pass." Also the bill to authorise the levy court of Queen Ann's county to pay the funeral expenses of paupers out of the poor house of said county, endorsed, "amendment reconsidered and assented to." Ordered to be engrossed. And delivers a bill entitled, an act to change the mode of electing electors of president and vice president of the United States, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read, and ordered to have a second reading on Thursday next.

On motion by Norris, the question was put, that the message of yesterday be reconsidered. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the question was put, that Mr. Pitts name be placed as chairman to the committee. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. W. Duvall, Mr. Edelen's name was placed next to Mr. Pitt. The message was then assented to, and sent to the senate.

Messrs. Chesley, Pitt, Millard, Ireland, Henderson, E. B. Duvall and Howard, presents petitions from sundry citizens of their respective counties, praying that the patronage of the state may be given to the agricultural society; read and referred to Messrs Chesley, Millard, Ireland, Henderson, Kemp, Hopper and Kilgour.

Mr. Cromwell presents a petition from Daniel Shawen, of Frederick county, praying for a special act of insolvency; referred to Messrs Cromwell, Kemp and Kilgour.

The additional supplement to the act to incorporate the stockholders of the Union Bank of Maryland, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Moffett obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, an act to abolish imprisonment for debt, and for other purposes. Ordered, that Messrs Moffett, Kilgour and M'Mahon, report the same.

Mr. Kilgour obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, an act to repeal the act entitled, an act to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, passed February 17, 1821. Ordered, that Messrs. Kilgour, M'Mahon and W. G. D. Worthington, report the same. Mr. Kilgour reports said bill.

On motion by Mr. Carroll, the following resolution was read:

Resolved that the treasurer of the western shore pay to Thomas W. Hall, of Anne Arundel county, or order, one hundred dollars for removing the records of the prerogative office, agreeably to the resolution passed February 22, 1823.

The resolution relative to building an addition to the armory at Easton, was read the second time, assented to and sent to the senate.

The bill to provide for the building of a powder magazine at the seat of government, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Carroll, the question was put, that the blank be filled up with \$1750. Determined in the negative. Mr. Millard moved to fill it up with \$1200. Determined in the negative. Mr. J. T. H. Worthington moved to refer the same to the 1st of June next. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Dashiell delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the judges of the orphans court of Somerset county, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the same is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. By order, TRUEMAN CROSS, Clk.

On motion by Mr. E. B. Duvall, the following resolution was read: Resolved, that the executive of this state be requested to sell the powder now belonging to this state.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill to change the place of holding the elections in the first election district in Cecil county, and the bill relating to public roads in Somerset and Dorchester counties, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the further supplement to an act relating to the removal of causes for trial within the 6th judicial district, and the bill to abolish an useless expense attending jury trials, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Millard, ordered, that the house will proceed to the election of bank directors on the 26th inst.

Mr. Kemp presents a petition from Mallachy Craddock, an alien; referred to Messrs Kemp, Cromwell and Turbutt.

The supplement to an act relating to the village of Church hill, in Queen Ann's county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Brattan reports a bill entitled, an act for the promotion of literature in Somerset county.

Mr. Dashiell presents a petition from Samuel M'Bride and others, praying for the sale of the real estate of Jesse Wainwright; referred to Messrs Dashiell, Dennis and Jones.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from the inhabitants of Anne Arundel county, residing