

Henderson, Gerry, Bryan, Semmes, E. B. Duvall, Wootton, Clarke, Hughes, Carroll, Hopper, Meconiken, Moffett, Nicholson, Riley, Turbut, Fisher, Kemp, Whiteford, Norris, Steele, Elijah Barwick, Douglass, Boon, Edward Barwick, Wm. Stewart, W. G. D. Worthington, Peter, Kilgour, Williams, Bruce, McHenry—56.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Ireland, Gale, Ely, Dennis, Hutson, Kerr, Purnell, Cromwell, Sewell, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, W. Duvall, Sprigg, McMahon—15. Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the engrossed bills from No 1 to 70 inclusive, endorsed, assented to. Also the bill for the benefit of Wm. Somerville, endorsed will not pass. Also a bill entitled an additional supplement to an act, entitled an act, relating to public roads in the several counties therein mentioned, and a bill for the relief of Rebecca Lindenberger of the city of Baltimore, endorsed, will pass, which were read. Also the following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, January 31, 1824.

WHEREAS, it is a matter of great importance to the people of this state, that the decisions of the Court of Appeals should be reported, in order that those rules and legal obligations, to which the citizen is bound, may be known and understood by him; and the publishers of the Maryland reports having been deterred from a further prosecution of their work by the expences of the publication, and the limited sale of the same.

AND WHEREAS, the Court of Appeals have of late years reduced their opinions to writing, thereby rendering clear of all doubt and ambiguity those principles which regulate and protect the lives, liberty and property of the people, and it being ascertained that the said decisions cannot be reported and published by individuals without the aid of the legislature—Therefore,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor and Council be, and they are hereby authorised and required to contract with any competent person or persons for reporting and publishing the said decisions in the manner which to them shall seem most expedient: Provided, That the state shall not be pledged by such contract for more than two hundred copies of the said reports, at a price not exceeding the usual price of legal publications, and those copies to be at the future disposal of the legislature.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clerk.

Which was read. And the following letters:

IN COUNCIL, ANNAPOLIS, January 31, 1824.

GENTLEMEN—We send enclosed to the general assembly, a letter from Colonel Little, acknowledging the receipt of the preamble and resolution respecting congressional caucus. Answers have now been received from all of our senators and representatives in congress on that subject. We have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servants.

SAMUEL STEVENS, jr.

To the honorable the president of the senate, and the honorable the speaker of the house of delegates.

WASHINGTON, January 28, 1824.

DEAR SIR—Col. Mitchell put into my hands this morning, your letter to him, dated "Council Chamber, Annapolis, January 26, 1824." "Will you have the goodness to ask Mr. Little if he received my letter enclosing resolutions respecting Congressional Caucus." I have received the resolutions alluded to in your letter, and must not be considered as wanting that high respect, at all times greatly due to the legislature of Maryland; I did not deem it necessary to respond to the wishes and opinions expressed by them on the subject of a congressional caucus, which accords with my own, long since entertained, and often expressed to my fellow citizens, and immediate constituents—to the governor and his council, I may owe this explanation, if indeed a reply was expected from me; to them I tender my respectful regard—accept for yourself my wishes for the continuation of your health and happiness.

PETER LITTLE.

NINIAN PINKNEY, Esq. Clerk to the Governor and Council.

Which were read.

On motion by Mr. Howard, ordered that the clerk of this house issue subpoenas for John W. Duvall, Gustavus Weems, Dr. Walter Harrison, John H. Fillard, Gassaway Pindell and Isaac Owens, Sen. of Anne Arundel county, and Walter Willbourne of Calvert county, to appear at the bar of this house on Tuesday the 3d of February next, to give testimony relative to the divisional line between said counties. The house proceeded to the second reading of the resolutions relative to the Chesapeake and Delaware canal; ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday. Mr. Semmes delivers the following report.

The committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of selling the lots of public land in Frederick county, beg leave to submit the following resolution:—

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the justices of the Levy Court of Frederick county, be, and they are hereby authorised to sell and dispose of, for ready money, the whole or any part of the lots of public land in said county, as they, in their judgment and discretion, may deem proper, and after deducting the expences of sale, they pay or cause to be paid to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, the money remaining in their hands, and the said justices are hereby authorized and empowered by deed of conveyance, to secure to the purchaser or purchasers thereof a full and legal title in and to the same.

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Clerk.

The house adjourns until 5 o'clock P. M.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The house met. Messrs. Price and Johnson from the senate inform the Speaker, that His Excellency, the Governor, is in the senate chamber, to sign and seal the laws, and requests the