

Mr. Miller reports a bill, authorising and empowering the Levy Court of Charles county, to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of Mary Goodrich Martin, of said county.

Mr. Ely reports a bill entitled an act, to withdraw the sums now given to the different colleges, academies and schools to constitute a fund to be hereafter appropriated to the education of poor children, ordered the same have a second reading on the 11th inst. The resolution in favor of Philemon B. Hopper, was read the second time, assented to and sent to the senate.

Mr. Millard presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of St. Mary's county, praying for a turnpike road; read and referred to Messrs. Millard, Dorsey and Gough.

The bill to confirm an act entitled an act to alter, change and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Saint Mary's county into four election districts, passed at December session 1822; was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Purnell reports a bill, entitled an act, for the relief of the collectors of the direct tax in the several counties in this state.

Mr. Semmes presents a petition from Martha B. Harvey of the city of Baltimore; referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Bruce delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Frederick Simons, a citizen of Pennsylvania, now confined in the jail of Allegany county, praying "that the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state may be extended to him, notwithstanding his want of residence;" have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report that the prayer of the petitioner is unreasonable and ought not to be granted, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

Which was concurred with.

Mr. Johnson presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that part of the old Philadelphia road may be shut up; referred to Messrs. Johnson, W. Stewart and J. T. H. Worthington.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of Isaac Lyon of Frederick county; and the bill for the relief of Simon Fraser of the city of Baltimore; severally endorsed, will pass, ordered to be engrossed; and the bill for the relief of Mary Smith of the city of Baltimore, endorsed, will pass, with the proposed amendments; which amendments were assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Loockerman delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the resolutions of the state of Alabama, recommending General Andrew Jackson as president of the United States, beg leave to report:—

That they have bestowed on those resolutions that respectful consideration, which is always due to the legislative act of a sister state. That your committee cherish with just pride a grateful recollection of the distinguished services of the personage who is the subject of those resolutions. That they in common with their fellow citizens of Alabama, entertain the most ardent sentiment of respect for the heroism, and love of country, which have been displayed by him on every occasion, and in every situation to which he has been called. But whatever may be the feeling of gratitude of your committee, towards this illustrious hero, yet they are of opinion, that any legislative act, by which a recommendation would be made of a candidate for the presidency, or any expression by the legislature of this state giving a preference to any individual for that high office, would be inconsistent with the principle by which they have hitherto been directed in regard to this great question. The legislature of this state have already fully expressed their sentiments on the subject of an interference with the free, and unbiassed judgment of the people, on the question of the presidential election.

They have maintained the doctrine as sound and republican, that this election to be preserved pure and unpolluted by either prejudice or prepossession, should be left solely to the people, to whom this right is constitutionally secured. And that no legislative act by which a recommendation would be made to them, without the sanction of an authority previously delegated, could be justly viewed by the people in any other light, than as an interference with their exclusive prerogative, by which might be implied a distrust of their capacity, to make a selection for themselves; an implication which would be as disrespectful to the people, as it would be unfounded, and repugnant to our republican principles. And although we claim to ourselves the right, of expressing our opinions as the representatives of the people, and as the guardians of their rights, on any matter of federal or state concern, nay, indeed, although we believe it to be our *duty* to do so when called on by any important exigency which may involve their dearest interests, yet we have received no authority from them either expressly or impliedly granted, to recommend to their consideration an individual in whose integrity and wisdom, we believe they may safely confide; we must decline any recommendation of a legislative act, by which a preference would be manifested to any candidate for the presidency. And whilst we thus decline a concurrence with the resolutions of the state of Alabama, we must beg not to be understood as intending to cast the slightest censure on them, or as intimating an opinion, that they have not received that sanction, from the people by which they may be fully justified.

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Clk.

On motion by Mr. McMahan the bill reducing the price of the public lands in Allegany county; was reconsidered, and ordered to lie on the table.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill relative to the divisional line between Anne Arundel and Calvert counties.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, that the last clause of the report be stricken out. Mr. McHenry