

persons; and the bill to build and repair the jail of Prince George's county, severally endorsed will pass with the proposed amendments; which amendments were read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to limit and ascertain the number of justices of the peace.

On motion by Mr. Pitt the question was put, that the same be referred to the next general assembly of Maryland. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Ireland, that the preamble to wit: "Whereas experience hath shewn, that the appointment of an unusual and unnecessary number of justices of the peace in the several counties of this state, has not been productive of any public utility, but on the contrary has had a tendency to diminish the respectability of an office, formerly held respectable, thereby deterring many of the best qualified citizens from accepting said appointment, and consequently placing them in the hands of many very incompetent persons for remedy whereof." be stricken out.

Mr. M'Mahon moved a substitute so as to make it read "that the improper appointment of justices of the peace in the several counties of this state has been productive of much public injury." Determined in the negative. The preamble was then stricken out.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, the question was put, that the first section which limits the number of justices of the peace be stricken out. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Pitt the question was put, that the further consideration of the said bill be referred to the first June next. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

**AFFIRMATIVE.**—Messrs. Dorsey, Ireland, Coburn, Gale, Hodges, C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, Weems, Garner, J. T. H. Worthington, Johnson, Ely, Loockerman, Martin, Spencer, Jones, Bratton, Pitt, Lake, Hutson, Henderson, Gerry, Bryan, Kerr, Carroll, Hopper, Meconiken, Nicholson, Slemaker, Purnell, Riley, Turbutt, Whiteford, Steel, W. G. D. Worthington, M'Mahon, M'Henry.—37.

**NEGATIVE.**—Messrs. Leigh, Millard, Dalrymple, Edelen, Rogerson, Dennis, Dashiell, Semmes, E. B. Duvall, Wootton, Clarke, Hughes, Moffett, Fisher, Kemp, Sewell, Norris, Elijah Barwick, Douglass, Boon, Ed. Barwick, W. Stewart, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, Peter Williams, W. Duvall, Bruce.—29. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Merrick the following message, was read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 11, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate.*—We have received your message proposing a committee of conference for the purpose of devising means of rendering substantial aid to the several magnificent public works, which have engaged the attention of the legislature. We are not behind you in zeal for the promotion of internal improvement; we are deeply sensible of the vital importance of the contemplated canals, and if a mode can be devised by which this state can advance their execution without oppressing the people with new and grievous burthens, we indulge the hope that none will be found opposed to its adoption. Coinciding in the views which appear to have been taken by your honorable body, we have appointed Messrs. ——— to meet and confer with the gentlemen named in your message.

On motion by Mr. Gerry; ordered, that he have permission to withdraw the petition of Uriah Blackburn, and the accompanying documents:

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to alter the mode of summoning and returning grand and petit jurors to the county court in Dorchester county. The supplement to an act, entitled, an act to change the elections in the third election district, in Cecil county, and for other purposes; and the supplement to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Hibernian Society of Baltimore, severally endorsed, "will pass;" ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill relating to Saint Stephen's Parish, in Cecil county; and the supplement to the act, entitled, an act to revise and amend an act, entitled, an act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Pocomoke, severally endorsed, "will not pass." Also the bill to provide for the further extension of Pratt street, in the city of Baltimore; endorsed "will pass;" ordered to be engrossed; and the bill to alter the mode of disbursing public money; endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments," which amendments were read.

The report of the committee on the petition of James Ginn, late of Cecil county, was read a second time, amended, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The bill 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, was, according to the order of the day, read a second time. On motion by Mr. Pitt, the question was put, that the same be referred to the first day of June next: The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

**AFFIRMATIVE.**—Messrs. Leigh, Millard, Dorsey, Coburn, Gale, Hodges, Dalrymple, Weems, Miller, Edelen, Garner, Dennis, Dashiell, Pitt, Hutson, Henderson, Bryan, Semmes, Wootton, Hughes, Carroll, Meconiken, Riley, Fisher, Kent, Cromwell, Steele, Elijah Barwick, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, Peter, Williams, W. Duvall, Brice, M'Mahon, M'Henry.—37.

**NEGATIVE.**—Messrs. Speaker, Ireland, Howard, Linthecum, C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, J. T. H. Worthington, Johnson, Ely, Lloyd, Martin, Spencer, Bratton, Lake, Gerry, Kerr, E. B. Duvall, Clarke, Moffet, Nicholson, Slemaker, Turbutt, Whiteford, Sewell, Norris, Boon, E. Barwick, W. Stewart.—28. Resolved in the affirmative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to establish state warehouses.

On motion by Mr. Wootton, the same was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Pitt the house proceeded to the second reading of the bill relative to the Baltimore Canal.

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