

for the purpose of providing for the said company, a suction engine and hose. However praiseworthy and beneficial the objects of the memorialists may be, and they are highly so, your committee are constrained to report unfavorably. Numerous similar applications have been made to this legislature on behalf of colleges and academies, roads and canals, and other objects eminently deserving the public favour;—they have shared a common fate. The committee of ways and means have declared that they consider lotteries under any circumstances an evil, and that if it were possible to suppress them entirely, a due regard to public morals, would require it to be done—nothing short of simultaneous prohibition by the congress of the United States and by the legislatures of each of the 24 states could effect that object. A prohibition here, would therefore act as a premium to lotteries in the neighboring states, and the state would be constantly drained of its wealth by them. As a choice of evils, therefore the legislature has determined that all lotteries within this state shall be drawn by its own agents and for the benefit of the treasury. To render them as a source of revenue, steady and productive it is necessary to lay down as an immutable rule, that no private lotteries shall in future be authorized. It is to be regretted that there now exist some lottery privileges which cannot with faith, be withdrawn. It is known that those which are in operation, injure the state lotteries to a much greater extent, than they benefit the objects for which they were intended, and it is even thought that it would be sound policy for the state to buy out those lottery privileges, which it has already incautiously granted, as the state lotteries would thereby produce double the sum which has hitherto been derived from them. Your committee are of opinion, that to objects worthy of state patronage, it would be even less injurious to make a direct grant from the treasury, than to give a privilege to raise money by a lottery, and therefore recommend that the memorialists have leave to withdraw their memorial. Which was concurred with.

Mr. Loockerman presents a petition from Solomon Lowe, praying that a suit now pending in the name of the state, against him in Talbot county court, be referred to the governor and council for adjudication; referred to Messrs. Loockerman, Lloyd and Spencer.

Mr. Ireland, delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Kent county praying that commissioners may be appointed to open a road, and lay out a public landing place at the Fox Hole, on Sassafra River: Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the act, entitled a supplement to the act to regulate the manner of obtaining and altering public roads in this state, passed at the present session of the legislature gives to Kent county court ample power to grant the relief prayed for. They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Clerk.

Which was concurred with.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the bill for the relief of Amelia Maddox, was recommitted.

Mr. Sprigg reports a bill entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act to incorporate a school in Allegany county, by the name of the Allegany county school.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to disseminate literature in this state; the bill to incorporate the Fells Point Wesleyan sabbath school; the bill to provide a revenue for the support of the government of this state; and the additional supplement to an act, to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Nanticoke river, in Dorchester county, severally endorsed, "will pass;" ordered to be engrossed; and a bill entitled, a supplement to the act for the establishment of vestries for each Parish in this state, endorsed, "will pass," which was read; the bill to appoint commissioners for the purpose of dividing Saint Mary's county, into five separate election districts, was passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Dorsey reports a bill, entitled, an additional supplement to the act, entitled an act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

The house resumed the consideration of the substitute proposed by Mr. Chesley to the bill relative to public inspection warehouses. The yeas and nays being required on the substitute appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Chesley, Dalrymple, Henderson, Bryan, W. Stewart—5.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Leigh, Gough, Dorsey, Ireland, Coburn, Hodges, Linthecum, C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, Weems, Miller, Edelin, Rogerson, Garner, J. T. H. Worthington, Loockerman, Lloyd, Martin, Spencer, Dashiell, Pitt, Gerry, E. B. Duvall, Wootton, Clarke, Hughes, Carroll, Hopper, Meconiken, Moffett, Nicholson, Slemaker, Riley, Turbutt, Fisher, Kemp, Crumwell, Whiteford, Sewell, Norris, Steel, Boon, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, Peter, Williams, W. Duvall, Bruce, Sprigg, M' Mahon, M'Henry.—52. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Edelen, the words "from and after the 1st day of May next, were stricken out of the 1st section of the bill

After some time spent in debate, Mr. Nicholson called for the previous question, and it was put, that is, shall the main question be now put? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs Ireland, Weems, Lloyd, Martin, Spencer, Dennis, Dashiell, Pitt, Hutson, Gerry, Kerr, E. B. Duvall, Wootton, Clarke, Nicholson, Slemaker, Purnell, Riley, Cromwell, Whiteford, Norris, Elijah Barwick, Douglass, Boon, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, Peter, Bruce, Sprigg—30.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs Leigh, Gough, Millard, Dorsey, Coburn, Gale, Hodges, Howard, Linthecum C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, Chesley, Dalrymple, Rogerson, Garner, J. T. H. Worthington, Johnson, Ely, Loockerman, Henderson, Bryan, Hughes, Carroll, Hopper, Meconiken.

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