

licenses which they ought to have taken out in the years 1822, 1823 and 1824; or provided, that such wholesale merchants shall deposit in the Bank of Baltimore, under the directions of the state agent, the amount due for such licenses for the years 1822, 1823 and 1824, which deposits shall be transferred to the credit of the treasurer of the western shore, when the suit now pending in the supreme court is decided in favour of the state; and provided the supreme court should determine that the state of Maryland has not a constitutional right to compel wholesale merchants to pay a license, then in such case the deposits shall be returned to the several persons to whom they are due.

Mr. Turner presents a petition from sundry persons praying the repeal of a law passed this session, to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the third milestone on the Frederick town turnpike road to M. Ville in Baltimore county. Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Eccleston moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill relative to trespassers, until the 1st June next. Determined in the negative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the same, after some progress
The house adjourns until 6 o'clock, P. M.

SIX O'CLOCK, P. M. The house met.

Mr. Peach obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to enable Thomas H. Bowie and Humphrey B. Bowie, administrators of Thomas Bowie of Prince-George's county, deceased, to make sale of certain lots therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. Peach, R. C. Edelen and Duvall, report the same.

Mr. Price presents a petition from Elizabeth Blakeley, of Baltimore county; referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Kemp obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the size of the barrel for measuring corn in ears. Ordered, That Messrs. Kemp, Cromwell and Hoffman, report the same.

Mr. Turner delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorials of certain citizens of Baltimore county, praying that a law may pass for the condemnation of the bed of the Great Falls of Gunpowder, and to have the mill dams now erected on said falls sheeted at the expense of the county, and when so sheeted, to be kept in repair by the said county, in the same manner as the public roads are repaired, for the purpose of admitting fish to pass up said stream, have had the same under mature consideration, and are of opinion that inasmuch as only a small section of the county could be benefitted, should their scheme be put into operation, and that to be done by a levy on the whole of the assessable property in said county, together with the reduced prices of produce of every kind, with the pressure of taxation at this time, beg leave to report, — That it would, in their opinion, be inexpedient to tax the county for the sheeting and keeping the same in repair as prayed for; believing no benefit could result from said scheme, they therefore propose that said petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions. By order, I. HINES, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Snower reports a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and make public a road in Baltimore county.

Mr. Price reports a bill, entitled, An act for the preservation of the breed of wild deer in Baltimore county.

Mr. Gantt reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the building of a bridge over the river Patapsco, at Sweetser's ferry.

On the second reading of the bill giving the sheriff of Cecil county 12 1-2 per cent for collecting officers fees, on motion by Mr. Jarrett, the same was postponed. On motion by Mr. Thomas, the same was recommitted.

The bill authorizing the recording of a deed from Robert Dennis to Edward Riffin, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Lantz obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal all such parts of the act, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property in the several counties of this state, as relate to the appointment of commissioners of the tax for Allegany county. Ordered, That Messrs. Lantz, M. Mahon and Hoffman, report the same.

The bill to widen Water Street between South and South Calvert streets, in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was read.

Resolved, That Richard Waller, Esther Broughton, executrix of Josiah Broughton, and Samuel Heath, securities of William S. Hardy, late sheriff of Somerset county, be and they are hereby released from the payment of the nine per cent. interest on the whole debt due by them to the state of Maryland; Provided, That the payment of the whole of the principal, six per cent. interest, and all the costs thereon, shall be made on or before the first day of March, 1826.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections, so far as the same relates to electing trustees of the poor for Harford county, was read the second time and passed.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to justices of the peace in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, the question was put, That the following be stricken out of the 3d section? — And also all claims against tenants or occupiers of houses or tenements, or other property, by the landlord or owner, for any misuse, injury, or damage to the same, caused or wilfully permitted by such tenants or occupiers, and also of all claims of tenants and occupiers against landlords and owners, for not repairing in any of the said mentioned cases where there is a contract for repairs, and the amount of claim shall not exceed 50 dollars; and also of all claims of tenants and occupiers against any trespassers or trespassers, for injury to the premises in their tenure and occupancy, where the amount of damage does not exceed 50 dollars." Determined in the negative.

Mr. Worthington moved to strike out '25 cents' to insert '12 1-2' in the clause giving compensation to the magistrate for rendering judgment? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.