

George Amich of Frederick county; a bill, entitled, An act to permit John Lester, of the city of Baltimore, to bring certain negroes from Virginia into this state; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. And returns the bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Stephen Lewis and Betsy Lewis, of Worcester county, which was rejected by the senate, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 28, 1819.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return to you the bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Stephen Lewis and Betsy Lewis, of Worcester county, which was rejected by your honourable body a few days past, and we hope that you will agree to reconsider and pass the same. We are well convinced, that if your honourable body shall agree to pass any bill for a divorce a vinculo matrimonii, that you will pass this bill. But if you cannot assent to pass this bill as it now is, and will agree to pass it, a mensa et thoro, we beg leave to state, that the house will assent to such change being made in the bill.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

which was read.

Also a resolution relative to the purchase of Seybert's Statistical Annals of the United States; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Jane Gaither, of Anne Arundel county, was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Winder, for leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act to repeal such parts of the constitution and bill of rights as establish a religious test as a qualification to office, the question was put, Will the senate grant the leave asked for? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr. Jackson, Mr. Maxey, Mr. Taney, Mr. Winchester, Mr. Winder.—5.

NEGATIVE.

Mr. President, Mr. Cresap, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Gale, Mr. Hughlett, Mr. Parnham, Mr. West.—8

So it was determined in the negative.

The senate adjourns until to morrow morning 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 29, 1819.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Winder. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Maria Hinton of Anne Arundel county, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed: After the word "annually," 3d line insert the words "as long as they shall see fit."

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Jane Gaither of Anne Arundel county, was read the third time, by special order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. After the word "annually" 3d line insert the words "so long they shall see fit." Severally sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Mr. Cresap from the committee reported a bill, entitled, An act to prevent playing bullets, and other evil practices in Cresapburg, in Allegany county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to confirm and make valid the acts and proceedings of James Stewart and Thomas Tenant, as justices of the peace for Baltimore county. Ordered, That Messrs. Jackson, Parnham and Hughlett, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Jackson from the committee reported said bill; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to erect a toll bridge across the Potomac river, opposite Shepherds town, was read the third time, and will pass with the proposed amendments, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Amendments proposed: 1. Strike out the word "further" 1st line second section. 2. Strike out the word "after" 3d line second section, and insert the word "Provided." 3. After the word "have" same line same section, insert the word "previously." 4. Strike out from the word "succession in the 10th line same section, to the end of the section, and insert the words "as such." 5. Strike out the word "further" 1st line third section. 6. After the word "act" 5th line third section, insert "or a majority of such of them as may act." 7. In the 17th line same section strike out the words "as far as" and insert "not exceeding." 8. Strike out the word "further" first line fourth section. 9. Strike out the word "further" first line fifth section. 10. Strike out the word "general" eighth line same section and insert the word "stated." 11. Strike out the word "further" first line sixth section. 12. Strike out the word "further" first line seventh section. 13. Insert the following proviso at the end of the 7th section "provided always, that if the said bridge shall be abutted on the land of any person or persons now owning a ferry over the river Potomac, then the value of such ferry shall be assessed to such person or persons in the damages aforesaid; and provided also, that the damage assessed shall be fully paid to the party entitled to receive the same, before the said company shall be entitled to exercise any act of possession or ownership on the land intended for the said abutment." 14. Strike out the word "further" first line eighth section. 15. Strike out the word "further" first line ninth section. 16. Insert the word "And" before the word "Be" first line tenth section. 17. Strike out the word "further" first line tenth section. 18. Insert the word "And" before the word "Be" first line eleventh section. 19. Strike out the word "further" first line same section. 20. Strike out the word "further" first line 12th section. 21. Strike out the word "further" first line 13th section. 22. Strike out the word "further" first line 14th section. 23. Strike out the word "further" first line 15th section. 24. Strike out the word "further" first line 16th section. 25. Strike out the word "enforced" fourth line same section and insert "in force." 26. Strike out the word "further" first line 17th section."