

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following bills: A bill, entitled, An act to facilitate the recovery of debts due from the several banks in this state, and to compel the said banks to pay specie for their notes, or forfeit their charters; a bill, entitled, An act authorising Thomas J. H. Eccleston to convey a certain house and lot situate in the town of Cambridge unto Thomas Lockerman of Dorchester county; which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. And returns the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Louisa Hall of the city of Baltimore, endorsed by that house, "On reconsideration will pass with the proposed amendments;" which were read and ordered to lie on the table. And the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Stephen Lewis, of Worcester county, endorsed by that house, "read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment;" which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message was received from the house of delegates, with the bill, entitled, An act for the better protection of slaveholders in the several counties therein mentioned, as relates to the city of Annapolis, passed by the house of delegates, and rejected by the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 5, 1819.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return you the bill, entitled, An act to repeal so much of the act entitled, An act for the better protection of slaveholders in the several counties therein mentioned, as relates to the city of Annapolis. When we reflect that the passage of this law is asked for, by the citizens of Annapolis, with a unanimity of voice seldom equalled, and that the immediate representatives of the people of Anne Arundel joined in the gratification of their wishes, we are at a loss to form the slightest reason for its rejection. If the senate have any wishes in view bordering on the city, which they wish to protect, we can have no objection to any amendment which may come in aid of their wishes.

It is with reluctance we return the bill for reconsideration, inasmuch as we perceive it has been in the senate chamber 31 days previous to its rejection; and nothing but the anxious wish of the citizens of Annapolis, expressed by their petition and through their representatives acquiesced in by the good people of Anne Arundel through their immediate representatives, combined with the justice of their claim, would induce us to return it. We do hope, on reconsideration, the bill will meet the sanction of the senate.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Which was read.

Which bill was again sent back to the house of delegates with the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 5, 1819.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We return the bill, entitled, An act to repeal so much of the act, entitled, "An act for the better protection of slaveholders in the several counties therein mentioned as relates to the city of Annapolis." We have taken the earliest opportunity of acting upon this subject, as your honourable house has been pleased to assume to itself the right of expressing dissatisfaction that the bill in question had not been sooner acted on by the senate. We adhere to our first decision.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the engrossed bills from No. 1, to No. 56, inclusive, severally assented to by that house, February 5th, 1819; which were severally read, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

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

SATURDAY, February 6, 1819.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Benjamin Pearce, of Cecil county, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Amendment proposed. Strike out the word "mole" 6th line, 1st section, and insert "knowl."

The senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Baptist Church in the city of Baltimore; on further consideration will pass with the proposed amendments, and sent to the house of delegates.

Amendments proposed. 1. Strike out the words "the clear yearly value of which," 4th line 1st section. 2. In the last line, first section, strike out the word "six" and insert "one hundred." 3. In the 3rd line 2nd section strike out the words "clear yearly value," and insert the word "sum." 4. In the same line same section, strike out the word "six" and insert "one hundred."

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Francis Saunders and John Lynch, guardian of the children of George Saunders, late of Baltimore county, was postponed for further consideration.

The bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the trustees of the New Market Academy in Dorchester county, was read the second and third time, and will pass with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Amendment proposed: Strike out the 4th section.

The bill, entitled, An act to amend the law in the cases therein mentioned, 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. At the end of the 2d section add the following proviso: "Provided, that the said report shall not be conclusive on the court, but the court may in their discretion examine witnesses and hear other testimony, and shall decree a sale only in those cases where under all circumstances the court shall be satisfied that a sale would be for the interest and advantage of the infant or infants." Strike out the 4th section.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the senate took up the bill, entitled, An act to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body; and on the third reading thereof, the question was put, Shall the bill pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows: