

enacted, That the judge and court to whom the said Benjamin Rawlings shall apply for a personal and final release respectively, under the said laws, shall be respectively satisfied by legal and competent testimony, other than the oath of the said Benjamin Rawlings himself, that he was born in this state, and resided therein till the year eighteen hundred and fourteen, and returned thereto in November eighteen hundred and nineteen, not for the purpose of avoiding the payment of his debts, but with a bona fide intention of permanently residing therein."

The resolution in favour of the armourer, and the resolution in favour of the examiner general, were read the second, and by special order the third time, and assented to.

The bill for the more effectual amendment of legal proceedings, was read the third time, and the question put, Shall the bill pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Mr. President, Messrs Carmichael, Carroll, Cresap, Harper, Holliday, Hughlett, Jackson, Magruder, Maxcy, Parnham, West—12.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Emerson, Gale, 2.

Determined in the affirmative.

The bill for the relief of the managers of the Medical College Lottery, was read the third time, and the question put, Shall the bill pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Carroll, Cresap, Emerson, Gale, Harper, Jackson, Magruder, Maxcy, Parnham, West—10.

NEGATIVE.—Mr. President, Messrs. Carmichael, Holliday, Hughlett—4.

Determined in the affirmative.

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

WEDNESDAY, January 17, 1821.

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

The resolution in favour of the armourer; the resolution in favour of the examiner general; the bill for the relief of Benjamin Rawlings of the city of Baltimore; the bill for the relief of the managers of the medical college lottery; and the bill for the more effectual amendment of legal proceedings, were sent to the house of delegates

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned; a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Charles county to build a bridge over Allen's Fresh Run; a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas Harris, of Frederick county; and a bill, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in Kent county; which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. Also a bill, entitled, An act to authorise William Ferguson, late collector of Talbot county, to complete his collection; a bill, entitled, An act to authorise Thomas A. Davis, former sheriff and collector of Charles county, to complete his collections; and a bill, entitled, An act to authorise William Stevens, late collector of Caroline county, to complete his collections, were read the first, and by special order the second and third time, and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates

Mr. Gale from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill for the better administration of justice in the several county courts in this state, reports the same; which was laid on the table.

The bill relating to the school fund for the city of Baltimore; and the bill to permit John Patterson, of Baltimore county, to bring certain negroes from Virginia into this state, were read the second time and laid on the table.

The supplement to the act incorporating the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore, was read the third time, and the question put, Will the senate receive the following as amendments to said bill?

Amendments proposed. 1 Strike out the preamble. 2 Strike out the words "of the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore" in the 2nd and 3rd lines of the 1st section. 3 After the word "being" in the 3rd line of the same section insert the words "of each and every bank established by and under the laws of this state respectively." 4 After the word "stockholders" in the 4th line of the same section insert the words "of the bank to which they shall at the time respectively belong" 5 After the word "states" in the 7th line of the same section insert the words "except of the said bank to which they shall at the time respectively belong" 6 After the word "bank" in the 8th line of the same section, insert the words "to which such president and directors, so making such investment, shall at the time respectively belong." 7 Strike out the word "their" in the 9th line of the same section and insert the word "the." 8. After the word "interest" in the same line, same section, insert the words "of such stockholders." 9 After the word "charter" in the 1st line of the 2nd page insert the words "of such bank." 10 Strike out the 2nd and 3rd sections and insert the following in lieu thereof: "And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the president and directors of any bank chartered and established as aforesaid, to exercise any of the powers given by this act, until a majority of all such of the stockholders of such bank, as shall be assembled in a general meeting to be convened for the express purpose at the banking house of such bank, shall resolve to accept the powers conferred by this act, in which meeting no stockholder shall vote by proxy, except women and persons actually prevented from attending by sickness or bodily infirmity, proved by affidavit of such person, or by the certificate in writing of some regular physician; and no proxy shall be admitted unless it purport on its face to have been made for the special purpose of voting at the said meeting. And be it enacted, That in every general meeting to be held under this act, such stockholder attending in person, or by proxy, in pursuance of the foregoing provisions, shall be entitled to one vote for each and every share by him or her then held and owned. And be it enacted, That the guardian or guardians of each and every stockholder who shall be a minor at the time of such meeting, shall be and hereby are authorised to attend and vote at such meeting, for such minor, and to give one vote for every share of stock then held and owned by such minor. And be it enacted, That the executor or executors, administrator or administrators, of any deceased stockholder, in any bank chartered and established as aforesaid, the shares belonging to whom at the time of his or her death shall be still in a course of administration at the time of any general meeting of the stockholders of such bank convened for the purpose aforesaid, shall be and hereby are authorised and empowered, to vote at such general meeting in person or by proxy, as other stockholders, and subject