

they therefore submit the following resolution: **RESOLVED**, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and the resolution therein contained assented to.

A petition from Thomas Riley, of Worcester county, praying that a law may pass conforming to the petitioners the lands intended to be conveyed to him by Philip Marsh, and Anne his wife, by their deed of conveyance, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Prideaux, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Stephen, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John B. Beall, of Allegany county, praying to be released from the payment of the additional nine per cent. interest incurred by him as sheriff of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bruce, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Rizer, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Hardcastle, and others, of Caroline county, praying a law may pass to open sufficient ditches for draining a branch called Old-town Branch, in said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bayard, Mr. Holbrook, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Van-Horn and Mr. Turpin, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Watts, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Mary Kline, of the city of Baltimore, and Jacob Kline, her husband; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Catharine Hawes, of Baltimore county, praying a law may pass authorising the levy court of said county to levy a sum of money for the support of her mother, herself and her children, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Stephen and Mr. Ogden, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, **ORDERED**, That the memorial of David Barclay and John Lloyd, of London, be referred to Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Mercer, to consider and report thereon.

On the second reading of the resolution relative to the attendance of the council to the governor, the question was put, That the words "that each and every member of the council to the governor for the ensuing year, shall be and they are hereby subjected to forfeit two dollars and fifty cents for each and every day's non-attendance, when the council is in session, to be deducted from their next quarter's salary, and" be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said resolution, the question was put, That the words "or for the governor," be inserted after the word "council?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said resolution, the question was put, That the words "the number of days each member may have been absent and" be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the said resolution be postponed? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, Leave given to withdraw the said resolution.

The resolution authorising the clerk of the council to furnish indexes to the proprietary debt books and have the same bound, was read the second time and assented to.

On motion, **ORDERED**, That Mr. Ward and Mr. Ennalls be added to the committee appointed on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county.

The following resolution was read.

Whereas it is declared by the constitution of Maryland, that three persons of integrity and sound judgment in the law, be appointed judges of the court now called the Provincial Court, and that the same court be hereafter called and known by the name of the General Court, which court shall sit on the western and eastern shores, for transacting and determining the business of the respective shores, at such times and places as the future legislature of this state shall direct and appoint: And whereas it is also provided by the said form of government, that nothing therein which relates to the eastern shore particularly, shall at any time thereafter be altered, unless for the alteration and confirmation thereof at least two thirds of all the members of each branch of the general assembly shall concur: And whereas it appears by the votes and proceedings of the house of delegates of the state of Maryland, at the last session of the general assembly, held in the year eighteen hundred and four, that the act to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the general court and court of appeals, passed only by a majority of two votes; therefore **RESOLVED**, That it is the opinion of this house, that the general court cannot be abolished, unless the bill for abolishing the same be assented to by two thirds at least of each branch of the general assembly, and therefore it is unnecessary for this house to act on the bill sent down from the honourable senate, to confirm the said act to provide. &c.

**ORDERED**, That the said resolution be communicated to the senate, and that \_\_\_\_\_ be a committee to draught a message for that purpose.

The question was then put, That the said resolution be made the order of the day for Friday the sixth day of December next? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the same be made the order of the day for to-morrow? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.