

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1806.

By the S E N A T E, November 15, 1806.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

THE senate, regarding the establishment of county schools as an object of primary consideration, and believing that the situation and wishes of the people of this state seriously call on their legislature to provide, at their present session, some system of education, which, by offering to all classes of society a more economical and accessible mode of educating their children than now does or has hitherto existed in this state, will be the means of encouraging literature and disseminating learning more generally, propose that a joint committee should be appointed to investigate this important subject, and to report what system would be most likely to produce those valuable purposes. We are further induced to propose a conference on so interesting a measure, when we reflect, that should the senate be of opinion that appropriations of money in the treasury, as contemplated by the act of 1805, should be made for the support and establishment of schools, they are constitutionally precluded, (how wisely it does not now remain with them to say,) from originating a bill containing a provision of that nature, and should a bill making such appropriations originate in your house, we are restrained from all alteration and amendment, and will be restricted to the alternative of a total rejection or adoption of the same, in the manner in which it was passed by you. The sentiments of the two branches of the legislature, we conceive, would be communicated more readily and satisfactorily in conference than by any other manner. Under those impressions, and supposing you will readily concur with our proposition, we have named Mr. Partridge, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Williams, a committee on the part of the senate to meet such gentlemen as you may please to appoint for that purpose.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Anthony Fox, of Anne-Arundel county, praying to be placed on the pension list, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Williams, Mr. Belt, Mr. Gale, Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Winder, to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 17, 1806.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Richard K. Watts, a delegate returned for Montgomery county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house. Mr. Hanson and Mr. Gleaves have leave of absence.

Mr. Bond, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to streighten part of the road in Harford county which leads from Underhill's mill to the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Catharine Dimmitt, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be divorced from her husband, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Aisquith, Mr. Frisby and Mr. Jackson, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. White, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry minors, by their guardians, inhabitants of Worcester county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion the prayer of the petitioners is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted, and that they have leave to withdraw their petition.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and concurred with.

The bill, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal, such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Saint-Mary's county into electoral districts, was read the second time and passed.

A petition from William Rickard, an alien, of Montgomery county, praying a law may pass confirming his title to certain property, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Selby, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Figg, an alien, of Montgomery county, praying a law may pass confirming his title to certain property, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of William Rickard.

Mr. Waters, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act for regulating the mode of staying execution, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from James Crookshanks, of Kent county, praying a special act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Frisby, Mr. Comegys and Mr. Pearce, to consider and report thereon.

On the second reading of the resolution relative to the choice of a senator in the senate of the United States, the question was put, That the first blank therein be filled up with the words "Wednesday week next?" Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the said blank be filled up with the words "Friday next?" Resolved in the affirmative.