

On motion of Mr. Waters,

All further proceedings under said call were dispensed with.

Mr. England then moved to amend the said bill by adding as an additional section:

“And be it enacted that nothing in this act shall be construed to extend to Montgomery county;”

On the question being put: Will the house adopt the said amendment;

Determined in the negative.

Mr. England then moved to amend said bill by adding at the end of the 2d section the following, “the fees to be paid by the plaintiff;”

On the question being put,

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the passage of the said bill, and on being put,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Spence.

The house adjourned to meet again at half past 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY EVENING, March 13, 1840.

The house met at half past three o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Coad, Constable, Welch of Kent, Owens, Hammond, Dalrymple, Hellen, Stevens, Bowling, Bruce, Poultney, Welch of B., Stansbury, Holmes, Colston, Cottman, Winder, Frazier, Mac-cubbin, Welch, of Ann., Wilmer, Temples, Hearn, McPherson, Quynn, Biser, Simmons, Firor, Potter, Thawley, Giles, Le Grand, Graves, Newcomer, Byer, Keppler, Waters, Dade, Berry, Newman, Parke, Bramwell, Hook, Mr. Speaker.

The house took up for consideration the bills in order entitled to a second reading.

The first in order is the bill entitled, an act to abolish in the State of Maryland, the law of imprisonment for debt.

Mr. Mason moved to refer the said bill to the consideration of the next General Assembly of Maryland.

Before the question was put on the motion of Mr. Mason,

Mr. Holmes moved to postpone the consideration of said bill until Monday next.

On the question being put, it was

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Mason, and on being put,

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The yeas and nays were required and appear as follows: