

tration of the government to give away so large and important a branch of its revenue, especially at a time when it is actually borrowing money to defray its own current expenses; and whereas, the General Assembly of Maryland, has seen with regret and dissatisfaction, that their Senators in the Congress of the United States recorded their votes in favor of the distribution law; and whereas, the General Assembly has the right to instruct its Senators in Congress, when in its opinion, a proper occasion arises for such instruction—therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best efforts to procure the immediate repeal of the act passed at the first session of the twenty-seventh Congress of the United States, entitled, “an act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights.”

Read the first time and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Buskirk,

Leave was granted the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to bring in a bill to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. Matthews,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Matthews, Brent and Crain, to bring in a bill for the benefit of Ann S. Morris of Charles county.

On motion of Mr. Hollman,

Ordered, that the committee on Claims, have leave to set during the session of the House.

On motion of Mr. Randall,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor’s message as relates to a resolution passed December session 1835, directing the Governor to procure a sword and present it in the name of the State to Captain J. A. Webster, be referred to a select committee of five;

Whereupon, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Randall, Poultney, Matthews, Starr and Shaw.

On motion of Mr. Buskirk,

Leave was granted to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to bring in a bill to amend the laws in relation to crimes and punishments.

Mr. Buskirk from the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, reported a bill entitled, an act to suspend the exercise of the act of limitation in certain cases;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Hammond, chairman of the committee on the Colored Population, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to authorise John Carvil Howard of Baltimore county, to bring into this State, certain negroes therein mentioned, reported that the said committee have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the authority desired by said bill is conferred by the act of 1839, ch. 15; they therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof;

Read the first time and laid on the table.