

instituted on their bonds in the present form, and whether the public interest and security do not require some modification of the form of such bonds.

On motion by Mr. Millard the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore, be and he is hereby directed, to relinquish the state's claim, for interest due from the heirs of Peter Joy and others, for confiscated property sold the 13th September 1781, upon their paying the principle due to the state, on or before the 1st day of August 1827.

Mr. Chapman obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act authorising the removal of causes from the several county courts of the first judicial district, sitting as courts of equity, to the high court of chancery. Ordered, That Messrs. Chapman, Speed and Brooke, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, the following leave was read: Leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act to establish state warehouses, for the inspection of tobacco, in the city of Baltimore.

Mr. S. R. Smith obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to revive and extend the provisions of an act, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners, for the regulation and improvement of Snow Hill, in Worcester county, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. S. R. Smith, Parker and Hooper, report the same.

Mr. Sappington obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to compensate commissioners in certain cases therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. Sappington, Cockey and Barnes, report the same.

Mr. Worthington obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance to jury-men of the several county courts of this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Shower and Turner, report the same.

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out and make a public road in Frederick county. Ordered, That Messrs. Barnes, Cockey and Farquhar, report the same. Mr. Barnes reports said bill.

Mr. Hughlett obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act appointing commissioners for the purpose of altering the divisional line between the first and second election districts in Caroline county. Ordered, That Messrs. Hughlett, Potter and Keene, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Cockey, the following order was read:

Ordered, That the committee of grievances and courts of justice be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the present court of appeals, and of constituting a court of appeals to consist of three members, who shall not act as judges of county courts, also to inquire into the expediency of reducing the present number of judges in this state.

On motion by Mr. Chapman, the question was put, That the same lie on the table? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the words from the words "the expediency" to the words "of reducing," inclusive, were stricken out. The order was then negatived.

The amendments to the bill, entitled, An act to confirm and make valid the acts and proceedings of justices of the peace in this state, were read the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution in favour of Benjamin Dashiell, and others, was read the second time, amended, and assented to.

The resolution in favour of Charles Bryan was assented to.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.