

Mr. Beckett moved to strike out the words, "be it enacted by the general assembly of Maryland," in the first enacting clause.

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

## AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Speaker	Banning	Hooper
Kilgour	Spencer	Parker
Millard	A E Jones	S. R. Smith
Hawkins	Teackle	Mitchell
Wickes	Brown	Sappington
Gantt	Ennalls	Farquhar
Maxcy	Brohawn	Potter
Estep	Douglas	Keene
Beckett	Grubb	Hughlett
Chapman	Barrette	Lansdale
Garner	Speed	Willson
Rogerson	Ridgaway	Perry
Edelen,	Stevens	Reid
Shower	Sudler	Blair—42

## NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Welch	Harlan	Saulsbury
Boon	Beall	Tyson
Harris	Duvall	Merrick
Worthington	Cockey	Kershner
Turner	Barnes	Jacques
M'Culloh	Montgomery	Kennedy
Millis	Williams	Armstrong—23
Eccleston	Hall	

Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill was then rejected.

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from Catharine Bentz; referred to the standing committee on divorces.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to elect the governor by the people. On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the further consideration thereof was postponed until to-morrow.

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

Friday, February 17, 1826.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Maxcy presents a memorial from the Agricultural Society; referred to the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Duvall presents a petition from Leonard Gates, praying for support; referred to the standing committee.

Mr. Stevens presents a petition from the citizens of Queen-Anne's county, on the subject of absconding slaves; referred to Messrs. Stevens, Eccleston, Spencer, M'Culloh and Boon.

Mr. Millard delivers a report from the commissioners of the school fund for the education of indigent children in St. Mary's county; read and referred to the standing committee on the same subject.

Mr. Samuel R. Smith presents a petition from James B. Robins, of Worcester county, praying he may be authorised to return to the land office the certificate therein mentioned; referred to Messrs. S. B. Smith, Parker and Mitchell.