

And delivered the following bills, originated in and passed by the senate, viz:

A bill, entitled, an act to alter and change the lines of the ninth election district of Carroll county,

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Boyle, of Carroll, Shower, and Berrett;

A bill, entitled, an act for the relief of Margaret Mitchell Dickhut, of the city of Baltimore,

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorcees;

A bill, entitled, an act for the valuation of the real and personal property in Harford county,

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Williams, Maulsby, and Nelson;

Also, a bill, entitled, an act for the benefit of George Hildebrand,

Which was read and referred to the committee on insolvency;

And a communication from his Excellency, the Governor, enclosing a communication of the Hon. J. R. Poinsett, Secretary of War, in relation to an application to the Legislature for exclusive jurisdiction over so much of Whetstone Point, on which Fort McHenry stands,—endorsed, “referred to the consideration of the House of Delegates,”

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

The doorkeeper having returned, reported that in obedience to order he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the bill reported by Mr. Williams, entitled, an act to abolish in the State of Maryland the law of imprisonment for debt.

The question before the house, being upon the amendment offered by Mr. Williams, as additional sections to the bill;

On motion of Mr. Williams, said amendments was amended by striking out in the 7th section these words; “expiration of sixty days from the.”

Mr. Causin moved to strike out the enacting clause of the bill, Determined in the negative.

Mr. Williams, (by permission of the house,) withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Williams then moved to amend said bill by adding at the end thereof, as an additional section, the following—

And be it enacted, that any person resident in this State, against whom a judgment shall have been obtained in any court, or before a justice of the peace, may, on delivering up all the property of such person, for the benefit of such person’s creditors, and otherwise complying with the forms and requirements at present prescribed by the insolvent laws of this State, with the exception of the forms and requirements as to bail or as to imprisonment or arrest, the same being hereby declared to be dispensed with, except in cases of fraud, may have, on the terms and in the manner that