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MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 29, 1858.

SENATE.—The President presented a communication from the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike Company.

Petitions Presented.—By Mr. Brooke, from residents of the eighth election district of Prince George's county, for an additional school district. By Mr. McMasters, from W. J. Leonard and others, relating to the public road dividing Somerset and Worcester counties. By Mr. Smith, to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in Mount Airy and within two miles of it.

Leaves to Report Bills.—By Mr. Semmes, to fix the per diem of the judges of the Orphans' Court of Allegany county. By Mr. Franklin, to incorporate the Annapolis Marine Railway Company. By Mr. McCullough, to make the judgments of justices of the peace liens upon real estate—(also reported said bill.) By Mr. Daniel, to authorize the Orphans' Court of Somerset county to purchase a new seal, &c. By Mr. Daniel, for the committee on education to report a bill for the proper and equitable division of the money lately received from the general government among the counties of the State for the purposes of free schools.

Bills Reported.—By Mr. Gaither, for the relief of Rush Adamson. By Mr. Daniel, to refund to W. W. Johnson a sum of money.

Bills Passed.—The following bills have passed the House and are now laws.—To change the name of Jacob Morris to John David Hanson. For the removal of a record from Allegany to Charles county. To make valid a deed to W. N. Todd. To increase the pay of laborers on public roads in Baltimore county. To refund money to Lydia Knox. For the redemption of stamps rendered useless by the repeal of the stamp act. To pay Gould & Gianville for furniture for the House of Delegates. Creating the office of private secretary to the Governor, &c.

Senate Bills Passed.—To repeal the charter of the Patapco Bank of Maryland. Creating election district No. 15, in Somerset county. To change the name of W. T. Davis to Wesley Reid Davis. To authorize new indexes in the clerk's office of Howard county Circuit Court. Making an appropriation for the new painting of Washington Resigning his Commission, for the Senate Chamber. For a general index to judgments in Somerset county. To legalize the bequest of Leah Gale.

The Senate adjourned until Monday next.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.—*Petitions Presented.*—By Mr. Crowley, from Eliza Herring, to be refunded certain money. By Mr. Dail, from citizens of Dorchester county, to repeal the act of 1852, ch. 340, exempting from attachment \$10 of the wages of laborers. By Mr. Harrington, from the New Jerusalem University, for an amendment to its charter; also, from mechanics of, Baltimore for an extension of the lien law; also, asked leave to report a bill to that effect. By Mr. Belt, from the heirs of Major Wm. Relley, for arrears of pension, &c. By Mr. Stonestreet, from M. A. Moore, for balance due him as teacher in Charles county; also, from R. Diggs, for compensation for a slave sentenced to the penitentiary; also, asked leave to report a bill to that effect. By Mr. Rohrer, for the legalization of the acts of the town of Boonsboro; also, obtained leave to report a bill to that effect. By Mr. Grieres, for a new election district out of districts 1 and 2, in Dorchester county.

The Speaker presented the memorial of the Society of Friends, John Scott, secretary, against licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors; also, the report of the Maryland State Colonization Society.

Leaves to Report Bills.—By Mr. Mackubin, to pay Louisa Gasaway a pension; also, for the relief of Joshua Brown. By Mr. Wickes, to authorize agents or officers of corporations to make certain affidavits. By Mr. Tilgaman, for the protection of embedded oysters. By Mr. Belt, to amend the act authorizing registers of wills to register claims against the estates of deceased persons. By Mr. Crowley, to authorize the commissioners of Baltimore county to open streets or avenues in Baltimore county. By Mr. Allender, to facilitate the collection of arrears of taxes in Baltimore county; also, for the benefit of the school fund of Baltimore county. By Mr. Summers, for the protection of fish in Conochoteague and Antietam rivers. By Mr. Hanaway, to amend the act of 1827, ch. 81, incorporating the commissioners of Harford county. By Mr. Thomas, to amend the charter of the Frederick and Woodboro' Turnpike Company. By Mr. Goldsborough, to fix a uniform rate of per diem for the judges of the Orphans' Courts of this State—which was referred to one member from each county and the city of Baltimore. By Mr. Stirling offered a message to the Senate proposing that the committee to which was referred the report of the commissioners on equity pleadings, &c, have power to consider all other reports presented by said commissioners; which was adopted.

Order Presented.—By Mr. Alexander, that the Governor be requested to inform the House what persons constitute the board of visitors of the Maryland Hospital, &c.

Mr. Thruston presented the report of the Allegany County Academy.

Bills Reported.—By Mr. Alexander, to regulate pilotage in Baltimore city. Also, to make valid a deed to J. P. Selby. By Mr. Spence, to authorize the publication of the proceedings of the commissioners of Worcester county. By Mr. Stonestreet, to prescribe the duties and regulate the fees of the sheriff of Charles county in certain cases. By Mr. Belt, for the relief of Caleb S. Keech.

The bill to increase the pay of the judges of the orphans' court of Baltimore city was indefinitely postponed by a vote of 43 ayes, 16 noes.

[This defeats the bill for the session.]

Bill Passed.—Making an appropriation to pay for the painting of Washington Resigning his Commission in the Senate Chamber at Annapolis.

On motion, the House adjourned until Monday morning at 12 o'clock.

A very interesting exhibition took place last evening, in the Senate chamber, of the pupils of the Maryland Institution for the Blind. The chamber was crowded with ladies, members of the Legislature and others, and the exercises, including vocal and instrumental music, were very successfully conducted, and much interest and sympathy was expressed in the cause of the education of the blind. The value of such institutions, however, can only be fully appreciated by those whose misfortune it is to have a child, sister or brother afflicted with that calamity, from which no family can claim to be exempt.

The contest between the world of darkness, ignorance and mental imbecility which is the fate of the uneducated blind when compared with the world of light, knowledge and mental cultivation in which the educated blind are enabled to move, through the instrumentality of mere mechanical discoveries, was most strikingly presented, and occasioned as much surprise and gratification at the wonderful results as at the ingenious but ample means by which these great results are accomplished. The pupils giving the exhibition were from the Blind Asylum located on Saratoga street, above Green, in Baltimore city, incorporated in 1853, and which receives an annual appropriation from the State.