

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1803.

Legislature of Maryland.

SKETCH OF PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

THURSDAY, DEC. 1, 1803.

MR. Pearce and Mr. W. Neale appeared in the house.

Petitions from Thomas Bale Randall, of the city of Baltimore, and from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, were read and referred.

Petitions from George Callodon and Bartholomew Donovan, of Baltimore county, and James Duly, of Harford county, for acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick and Montgomery counties was read and referred.

The supplement to the act relating to public roads in Queen-Anne's county, was passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Wilton delivers a bill authorising the laying out a road in Worcester county, from Winding's landing to intersect the main road leading from Snow-Hill to Philadelphia; which was read the first and second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from John Hambleton, of Harford county, was read and referred.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house took into consideration the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, and on the second reading of the said bill, the question "was put, That the words "members of the general assembly," be stricken out of the second clause of the said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the words "justice of the levy or orphans court," be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading said bill, the question was put, That from the word "every" to the word "return" inclusive in the fifteenth section, be stricken out? Determined in the negative.

On progression in reading said bill, the question was put, That the words "the first Monday of April" in the nineteenth section be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the words "the first Monday of June" be inserted in said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the further consideration of said bill be postponed till to-morrow.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2, 1803.

MR. Rose and Mr. Van-Horn appeared in the house.

On the second reading of the bill to empower the judges of the court of appeals to reinstate the cause of Edward Norwood against Charles Ridgely and wife's lessee, the question was put, That the following be received as an amendment to the said bill? "Provided nevertheless, that the judges of the court of appeals shall have no power to reinstate the said cause, until the said Edward Norwood shall have paid to the said Charles Ridgely all legal costs of suit that may have accrued in said cause." Determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared, affirmative 40. Negative 31. Sent to the senate.

Mr. Dugan delivers a bill to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes; which was read.

Mr. Shaaff delivers a report on the petition of James Williams, favourable to the petitioner; which was read.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a bill for making navigable the river Susquehanna; which was read.

The house proceeded to ballot for a director to the bank of Baltimore, and upon examining the ballots it appeared, that Edward Johnson had a majority of votes, whereupon he is declared to be elected.

The speaker laid before the house a report from John Shaw; which was read.

Mr. Kerlyner delivers a bill authorising the levy court of Washington county to alter and change the direction of certain roads therein mentioned; which was read.

A petition from Patrick McGill, of Anne-Arundel county, was read and referred.

Ordered, That the bill for making navigable the river Susquehanna, have a second reading on Tuesday next, and the bill to regulate and discipline the militia, have a second reading on Wednesday next.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to empower the court of appeals to reinstate the cause of Edward Norwood against Charles Ridgely and wife's lessee, the supplement to the act for the relief of Hugh Ferguson, the bill to establish and confirm a

road in Harford county, severally endorsed "will pass;" which were ordered to be engrossed.

And the supplement to the act to lay out a road from Aquila Tarran's tavern to Thomas Cockey's mill, &c. endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from James Wilton, late sheriff of Baltimore county, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Baltimore, were read and referred.

Mr. Clarke from the committee of elections, delivers a report; which was read.

Mr. Chapman delivers a bill authorising any person prosecuted for a libel to give the truth in evidence; which was read.

Ordered, That the said bill have a second reading on Friday next.

Mr. Dickson delivers a bill respecting the religious sect of people called Jews; which was read.

Ordered, That the said bill have a second reading on Thursday next.

Mr. Ridgely delivers a bill to establish a market, and build a market-house, in the western precincts of Baltimore, and for the regulation of the same; which was read.

Mr. Chapman delivers a supplement to the act to prevent excessive gaming; which was read.

Mr. Harwood delivers a bill annulling the marriage of Joseph Bray, of Anne-Arundel county, and Anne his wife; which was read.

Mr. Van-Horn delivers a bill to authorise the licensing of lotteries; which was read.

The orders of the day are postponed until to-morrow.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3, 1803.

MR. Edward Veazey appeared and took his seat. Mr. Kemp has leave of absence.

The bill for the benefit of John Carrere, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Lemmon delivers a bill to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read.

Petitions from Samuel Bayly, of Washington county, John Gordon, Samuel H. Gatchell and Raymond Dumas, of the city of Baltimore, and James Bond, of Baltimore county, for acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

The amendments to the bill to lay out a road from Crispin Cunningham's to Francis Smith's stone house, were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Ridgely delivers a report on the petition of Thomas Bale Randall, in his favour; which was read.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Baltimore, from Samuel Norwood, of Baltimore county, from James Lytle, and others, of Harford county, and from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, were read and referred.

Leave given to bring in an additional supplement to the act for the relief of creditors, and to prevent frauds and deceits occasioned by secret sales, mortgages and gifts; of goods and chattels.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill for the valuation of real and personal property, and the question was put, That the said bill be recommitted for amendment? Determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

A petition from sundry quakers of Cecil county was read and referred.

The order of the day is postponed till Monday.

The bill to pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

Gentlemen,

Believing it would greatly promote the interest of the state to close the session of the legislature as soon as the business of the public will admit, and having nearly finished all the business before us, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to close the session on the 15th instant.

Which was read

And a bill to prevent slaves hiring themselves, or acting as free, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, passed by that house; which was read.

MONDAY, DEC. 5, 1803.

MR. Ireland, Mr. T. Davis and Mr. Goldsborough appeared in the house.

The bill for the benefit of John Carrere, and the bill to pay the civil list, were sent to the senate.

The bill authorising the levy court of Washington county to alter and change the direction of certain roads therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Petitions from John Coulter, of Baltimore county, John Filher and Warren Lyle Nicoll, senior, of the city of Baltimore, for acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, from Abell Hill, a collector of Anne-Arundel county, from Elijah Sturgis, of Worcester county, from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, from John Redman, of Montgomery county, and from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, were read and referred.

Mr. Lowrey delivers a bill to repeal such parts of an act for the draining of a marsh and branch, known by the name of the Long Marsh, in Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties, and the several supplements thereto, as relate to the unimproved parts of the said long marsh and branch; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal an act to restrain the ill practices used by sheriffs in taking goods by *feri facias* and selling them by *venditioni exponas*.

Mr. Dickson delivers a bill authorising James Wilton, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collection; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal the third section of an act to make public the proceedings of the levy courts in the several counties of this state, and to repeal part of an act of assembly therein mentioned.

A petition from the proprietors of the addition to Havre-de-Grace, in Harford county, was read and referred.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, and the question was put, That the following be received as an amendment to the said bill? "Provided, that no slave or slaves for a term of years shall be subject to the above valuation, but the assessor or assessors shall value them in proportion to the time they have to serve, having reference always to the value of such slave for life." Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the said bill be recommitted for amendment? Determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bayly delivers a bill to restrain the ill practices used by sheriffs in taking goods by *feri facias* and selling them by *venditioni exponas*; which was read.

Mr. Chapman has leave of absence for a few days.

The report on the petition of James Williams was read the second time, and the question put, That the house assent to the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative.

The order of the day is postponed till to-morrow.

TUESDAY, DEC. 6, 1803.

The bill to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

Leave given to bring in a bill for the encouragement of the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned.

Petitions from Mary Hammond and Harriet Hammond, of the city of Baltimore, from sundry inhabitants of Taney-town, in Frederick county, from William Cox, of Anne-Arundel county, from sundry inhabitants of Taney-town, in Frederick county, from Richard Morgan, of Montgomery county, and from Christopher Hyatt, of Prince-George's county, were read and referred.

Mr. Wilton delivers a bill for the relief of Kitturah Milbourne and the heir of Thomas Milbourne, of Worcester county; which was read the first and second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. T. Davis delivers a report on the petition of John Redman, against the petitioner; which was read and concurred with.

A memorial and remonstrance from Addison Conway, of Prince-George's county, was read and referred.

Mr. Clarke delivers a bill to prevent swine and geese going at large in Taney-town, in Frederick county; which was read.

The bill for making navigable the river Susquehanna, was read the second time, agreeably to the order of the day, and the question put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 38, nays 30.