

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

T H U R S D A Y , D E C E M B E R 15 , 1803.

Legislature of Maryland.

SKETCH OF PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 1803.

MR. William Lyles appeared and took his seat.

A petition from William Priest, of Caroline county, for an act of insolvency, was read and referred.

Mr. Angier delivers a bill authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money for repairing Shrewsbury church, in Kent county; which was read the first and second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county, was sent to the senate.

The bill authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of finishing the German Lutheran, and German Presbyterian church, in Woodbury, in Frederick county, was passed and sent to the senate.

The bill authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money for deepening and widening a well in Taneytown, in Frederick county, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

On the second reading of the bill to establish a market, and to build a market-house, in the western precincts of Baltimore, and for the regulation of the same, the question was put, That the following names be inserted in the said bill? "Daniel Lamot, Christopher Johnson, Adam Welsh, George Warner and George F. Warfield." Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Petitions from Nicholas Hammond, and others, commissioners appointed to build a new gaol in Easton, in Talbot county, from sundry inhabitants of Talbot county, from John Griffin, of Dorchester county, and from Thomas Seon Sudler, of Somerset county, were read and referred.

The report on the petition of Thomas Bale Randall was read the second time, and the question put, That the house assent to the resolution therein contained? Determined in the negative.

Resolved, That the members of this house will attend the funeral of Peter Wood, late a delegate from Prince-Georges, at four o'clock this day, and that this house will adjourn at two o'clock, to prepare for the procession, which will move from the Stadt-house at the time proposed.

Mr. Montgomery delivers the bill to make navigable the river Susquehanna, as amended; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplement to an act to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed "will not pass." Also the bill for the benefit of John Carrere, and the bill authorizing the levy court of Washington county to alter and change the direction of certain roads therein mentioned, severally endorsed "will pass;" which were ordered to be engrossed.

FRIDAY, DEC. 9, 1803.

Petitions from Henry Stevenson, of Baltimore county, were read and referred.

The report on the petition of Robert Amos was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

Ordered, That the bill to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes, have a second reading on Thursday next.

The bill for the relief of Caleb Summers, was read the second time and passed.

A petition from John Lyon, of Montgomery county, was read and referred.

On the second reading of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, the question was put, That the first clause in the said bill, which recites the act of congress with respect to the militia, be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, that the following be received as an amendment to the said bill? "Provided, that no person shall be exempted from conscientious scruples who shall not produce to the captain of the district in which he resides, a certificate from some licensed preacher or minister of the gospel, or signed by the proper officer of some religious meeting, that such person is a professed and attending member of a religious society, whose tenets forbid their bearing

arms." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Barber, R. Neale, W. Neale, Hopewell, Thomas, Mercer, Hall, Grahame, Gantt, Holland, Carcaud, Stuart, Jones, M'Pherson, Brown, Dashiell, Carroll, Cottman, Hyland, Goldsbrough, Frazier, Calvert, Muir, Thompson, Sudler, Sturgis, Purnell, Young, Pearce, Smith, Swearingen, T. Davis, Veatch, Linthicum, Bayard, Tomlinson, Simkins. 37.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Ireland, Angier, Hatcheson, Harwood, Dorsey, Lemmon, Ridgely, Keene, Veazey, Miller, Sheredine, Alexander, Van-Horn, Lyles, Shaaff, Roberts, Lowrey, Wilson, Shriver, Clarke, Montgomery, Forwood, E. Davis, Lytle, Rich, Turpin, Dickson, Dugan, Kerstner, Zeller, Yates, Cresap. 32.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause be inserted in the said bill? "And be it enacted, That all militia officers now in commission shall continue in their respective offices, any thing in this act notwithstanding." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Barber, R. Neale, W. Neale, Hopewell, Harwood, Grahame, Stuart, Jones, M'Pherson, Ridgely, Dashiell, Carroll, Cottman, Hyland, Goldsbrough, Frazier, Keene, Bayly, Calvert, Shaaff, Sturgis, Williams, Wilson, Purnell, Young, Zeller, Swearingen, T. Davis, Veatch, Linthicum, Bayard, Tomlinson, Cresap, Simkins. 34.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Ireland, Angier, Hatcheson, Thomas, Mercer, Hall, Dorsey, Gantt, Holland, Carcaud, Lemmon, Brown, Rose, Veazey, Miller, Sheredine, Alexander, Van-Horn, Lyles, Thompson, Roberts, Sudler, Lowrey, Hawkins, Shriver, Clarke, Montgomery, Forwood, E. Davis, Lytle, Rich, Turpin, Pearce, Dickson, Dugan, Kerstner, Smith, Yates. 38.

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow? Resolved in the affirmative.

SATURDAY, DEC. 10, 1803.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county was read and referred.

The bill to prevent swine and geese going at large in Taney-town, in Frederick county, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Chapman appeared in the house.

On the second reading of the resolution relative to the Susquehanna canal company, the question was put, That the blank be filled up with the following names? Mr. Bayly, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Dickson and Mr. Van-Horn. Resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution being read throughout, on motion, That the house assent to the first part thereof? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? Resolved in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, and the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Barber, R. Neale, W. Neale, Hopewell, Angier, Mercer, Hall, Dorsey, Grahame, Gantt, Carcaud, Stuart, Jones, Chapman, M'Pherson, Ridgely, Meluy, Rose, Dashiell, Cottman, Hyland, Frazier, Keene, Bayly, Van-Horn, Lyles, Shaaff, Muir, Sudler, Sturgis, Williams, Wilson, Purnell, Hawkins, Shriver, Clarke, Rich, Pearce, Zeller, Smith, Yates, Swearingen, T. Davis, Veatch, Linthicum, Bayard, Tomlinson, Cresap, Simkins. 49.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Ireland, Hatcheson, Thomas, Harwood, Holland, Lemmon, Brown, Veazey, Miller, Sheredine, Alexander, Thompson, Roberts, Lowrey, Montgomery, Forwood, E. Davis, Lytle, Turpin, Dickson, Dugan, Kerstner. 22.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the last part of said resolution? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Barber, R. Neale, W. Neale, Angier, Hall, Dorsey, Gantt, Carcaud, Jones, M'Pherson, Meluy, Rose, Cottman, Hyland, Frazier, Keene, Bayly, Van-Horn, Lyles, Sturgis, Williams, Wilson, Purnell, Hawkins, Shriver, Clarke, Zeller, Smith, Yates, Swearingen, Veatch, Linthicum, Bayard, Tomlinson, Cresap, Simkins. 36.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Ireland, Hatcheson, Thomas, Harwood, Grahame, Holland, Stuart, Chapman, Lemmon, Brown, Ridgely, Dashiell, Veazey, Miller, Shere-

dine, Alexander, Shaaff, Muir, Thompson, Roberts, Sudler, Lowrey, Montgomery, Forwood, E. Davis, Lytle, Turpin, Pearce, Dickson, Dugan, T. Davis, Kerstner. 32.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from Peter Pollard, of the city of Baltimore, for an act of insolvency, was read and referred.

Mr. Van-Horn delivers a report on the petition of Samuel Norwood, in his favour; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a farther supplementary act to an act to streighten and amend the public roads in Harford county.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, be postponed till Monday next.

MONDAY, DEC. 12, 1803.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants of the state was read and referred.

Petitions from John Maxwell, of the city of Baltimore, and William Wells, of the city of Annapolis, for acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

Mr. Dugan delivers a report on the petition of Christopher Hughes, in his favour; which was read, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The supplement to the act to authorise the building of a protestant episcopal church in the city of Baltimore, &c. was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from Ariana French, of George-town, was read and referred.

The bill authorizing the levy court of Washington county to open a road in said county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, and a petition from Ludwick Lytle, of Baltimore county, were read and referred.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a bill to empower John Hambleton to collect the balances due him as collector of the second district in Harford county; which was read.

The bill to establish a market, and build a market-house, in the western precincts of Baltimore, &c. the bill to prevent swine and geese from going at large in Taney-town, the bill authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money for deepening and widening a well in Taney-town, the bill for the relief of Caleb Summers, and the resolution in favour of Robert Amos, were sent to the senate.

The bill for erecting buildings for the use of the poor of Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Ordered, That the bill to establish pilots, and regulate their fees, have a second reading on to-morrow.

The report on the petition of Thomas C. Dye was read the second time, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Clarke delivers a bill to lay out and open a road from the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, to the city of Washington and George-town; which was read.

A petition from Christopher Johnson, and others, of the city of Baltimore, was read and referred.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, and, on motion, the question was put, That the following clause be received as an amendment to the said bill? "And be it enacted, That nothing in this act contained shall vacate commissions that have been granted under the act passed at November session, 1793, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state; and the supplementary acts thereto, and that all officers now in commission, whether in the general militia, select or infantry companies, troops of horse or artillery, shall continue so, any thing in this act notwithstanding." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Barber, R. Neale, W. Neale, Hopewell, Harwood, Hall, Grahame, Gantt, Stuart, Jones, Chapman, M'Pherson, Lloyd, Dashiell, Cottman, Hyland, Goldsbrough, Frazier, Keene, Bayly, Van-Horn, Lyles, Shaaff, Sturgis, Wilson, Purnell, Turpin, Pearce, Kerstner, Swearingen, T. Davis, Veatch, Linthicum, Bayard, Tomlinson, Cresap, Simkins. 37.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Ireland, Angier, Hatcheson, Thomas, Dorsey, Holland, Carcaud, Brown, Rose, Veazey, Miller, Sheredine, Alexander, Thompson, Roberts, Sudler, Lowrey, Shriver, Montgomery, Forwood, E. Davis, Dickson, Dugan, Smith, Yates. 25.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed till the next session of assembly? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow: