

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

T H U R S D A Y, DECEMBER 29, 1803.

Legislature of Maryland.

SKETCH OF PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1803.

Mr. Goldsborough delivers a report on the petition of James B. Sullivan, in his favour; which was read.

Mr. Calvert delivers a report on the petition of James Brown and John H. Brown, against the petitioners; which was read.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, from James D. Lowry, of Baltimore county, and from James Somervell, and others, of the city of Baltimore, were read and referred.

A petition from Christopher Woolford, of Washington county, for an act of insolvency, was read and referred.

Mr. Van-Horn delivers a bill for the benefit of Arianna French, of George-town, territory of Columbia; which was read.

The bill to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change and amend, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the general court and court of appeals, the bill appointing commissioners to lay out the divisional road between Somerset and Worcester counties, &c. the bill relative to costs, the bill to lay out and open a road from the town of Westminister, in Frederick county, to the city of Washington and George-town, and the resolution in favour of Thomas Jackson, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Thompson delivers a bill for the encouragement of learning in Queen-Anne's county; which was read.

Petitions from Edward Viers, of Montgomery county, Henry Hagan and Joseph Boorman, of Ralston, of Charles county, and William Payne Penn, of acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, from Elizabeth Randall of Montgomery county, and from Thomas Nicholls, of Simon, of Montgomery county, were read and referred.

The bill enabling the inhabitants of Worcester county to stop Sinepuxent bay, &c. and the additional supplement to an act to appoint commissioners to examine, survey and lay out, the road therein mentioned, were severally passed and sent to the senate.

A petition from Denwood Hicks, of Dorchester county, and a petition from Elizabeth Barrow, of Dorchester county, were read and referred.

Mr. Pearce has leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Dugan delivers a further additional supplement to the act to provide for the administration of justice in cases of crimes and misdemeanors in the city and county of Baltimore; which was read.

Mr. Dugan delivers a further additional supplement to an act for the opening of Second-street in the city of Baltimore; which was read.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the trustees of Saint-John's college; which was read.

A petition from Sophia Duckett and Isaac Duckett, of Prince-George's county, and Thomas Buchanan, of the city of Annapolis, was read and referred.

Mr. Lemmon delivers a bill authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money for the purchasing ground, and building a market-house thereon, in the western precincts of the city of Baltimore; which was read.

Mr. Shaaf delivers a bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the improvement of the streets in the city of Annapolis, and for other purposes; which was read.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a bill to reform the penal laws of this state; which was read.

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

Leave given to bring in a further supplement to the act to ascertain the allowance to jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several county and orphan courts in this state.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, and from Elizabeth Oden, of Montgomery county, were read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill to ratify an amendment to the constitution of the United States of America, proposed by congress to the legislatures of the several states, endorsed "will pass," which was read.

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

Also the bill authorising the levy court of Washington county to open a road in said county, the bill for the benefit of the congregation of the German or High Dutch reformed christian church in Frederick-

town, the bill authorising James Wilson, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collection, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for the benefit of John Lyon, of Montgomery county, the bill to enable the levy court of Talbot county to assess and levy certain sums of money for the respective purposes therein mentioned, endorsed "will pass; the resolution in favour of Robert Amos, the resolution in favour of Charles Gardiner, severally endorsed "assented to;" which were ordered to be engrossed; the resolution in favour of James Williams, endorsed "dissented from" an account of seals and taxes received by Samuel Harvey Howard, register in chancery, and a letter from the governor, enclosing a copy of a letter from William Pinkney to the secretary of state, relative to the bank stock of this state in the bank of England; which were read, and the letter from the governor referred to a committee.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes, and, on motion, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till the next session of assembly? Determined in the negative, yeas 31, nays 37.

The question was then put, that the following be received as an amendment to the said bill, to be inserted after the words "Middle-town" in the second clause of the said bill? to wit: "From thence to Boonsborough, from thence to Elizabeth-town, and from Boonsborough to William's Port, in Washington county." Determined in the negative, yeas 22, nays 30.

The question was then put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 33, nays 30.

Mr. Muir delivers a bill for preventing the staple commodity of tobacco from being brought into disrepute, and for the prevention of frauds in the sale thereof; which was read.

Ordered, That the said bill be published with the votes and proceedings of the present session.

Mr. Kerliner delivers a bill for the relief of Christopher Woolford, of Washington county; which was read.

Mr. Goldsborough delivers a report on the petition of Denwood Hicks, and a report on the petition of Elizabeth Barrow, in favour of the petitioners; which were read.

Mr. Bayly delivers a further supplement to an act to ascertain the allowance to jurymen and witnesses to the general court, and the several county and orphan courts in this state; which was read.

The bill for the benefit of Philip Green and Jacob Green, of Prince-George's county, and the bill to repeal part of an act of assembly therein mentioned, were severally read the second time and passed.

The report on the petition of James B. Sullivan was read the second time; and the resolution therein contained assented to.

Mr. Alexander delivers a bill for the encouragement of learning in Cecil county; which was read.

The bill to empower John Hambleton to collect the balances due him as collector of the second district in Harford county, and the bill for the benefit of Arianna French, were severally read the second time and passed.

The report on the petition of Denwood Hicks was read the second time; and the resolution therein contained assented to.

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

The bill for the destruction of wolves in Allegany county, was read the second time, and, on motion, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till the next session of assembly? Determined in the negative.

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 23, 1803.

The bill for the benefit of Philip Green and Jacob Green, the bill to repeal part of the act of assembly therein mentioned, the bill to empower John Hambleton to collect the balances due him as collector of the second district in Harford county, the bill for the benefit of Arianna French, the bill for the destruction of wolves in Allegany county; the resolutions in favour of James B. Sullivan, Denwood Hicks, and Elizabeth Barrow, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Harwood delivers a bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to alter, change, lay out and open a road from Middle-town in Frederick county, to Washing-

ton county, and the bill to alter and change the names of James Clerk, and Margaret Ruffel his wife, and of their children, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from Thomas Beall, of Samuel, of Allegany county, was read and referred.

The bill for the relief of Richard Morgan, and the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for building bridges over Conococheague creek, in Washington county, were severally passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Ridgely delivers a bill to erect a bridge over the river Patuxent; which was read.

The bill authorising the city commissioners to open and extend Water-street in the city of Baltimore, was passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Keen has leave of absence.

The following resolution being propounded to the house, was read the first and second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Whereas the certificates and plots of several lots of the Indian land in Dorchester county, heretofore sold by the state, have been found, upon examination by the examiner-general of the western shore, to be erroneous, and some of the said erroneous certificates and plots were returned for correction, and were amended by William Barrow, Esquire, late surveyor of Dorchester county, in his life-time, but since the death of the said William Barrow, who made the survey of the Indian lands under the direction of commissioners appointed by the act of assembly passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, the treasurer has doubted whether he has any authority to send out such erroneous certificates and plots for correction to the present surveyor of the county aforesaid; Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to send out to the surveyor for the time being of Dorchester county, for correction, all certificates or plots of the said Indian lots, which, upon examination by the examiner of the western shore, have been or may be found to be erroneous, and have not heretofore been corrected; and that the said surveyor be authorized to correct such erroneous plots and certificates, and return the same, as amended, to the treasury office of the western shore, to be again examined, and upon such correction being made, the treasurer aforesaid shall be authorized, in case of any deficiency in the quantity of land, to credit the purchaser with the amount thereof, and in case of any excess of quantity, to debit him accordingly; and in those cases where the plots or certificates of any of the said Indian lots have already been examined as aforesaid, and found to be erroneous, and have not yet been corrected, the parties shall be indulged in the payment of the balances due from them respectively until the first day of December next, in order to afford time for such correction to be made.

The bill to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to adjust a claim of Henry Stevenson against said county, was passed and sent to the senate.

A petition from Hezekiah Smallwood, of Charles county, was read and referred.

A petition from John F. Beall, of Charles county, for an act of insolvency, was read and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill to revive and aid the proceedings of Calvert county court.

The bill for the relief of John Savin, and the bill for the relief of Samuel Wright, were severally read the second time; passed, and sent to the senate.

The following resolution being propounded to the house was read.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby requested to contract with some fit and proper person to repair the house where the treasury of the western shore is kept; and that they draw on the treasurer of the western shore for such sums of money as shall be necessary for that purpose.

On the second reading of the amendments to the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, the question was put, That the house agree to the first and second amendments? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said amendments, the question was put, That the house agree to the third amendment? Determined in the negative, yeas 29, nays 37.

The question was then put, That the house reconsider the first amendment? yeas 31, nays 31. Determined in the negative by the speaker.

SATURDAY, DEC. 24, 1803.

Mr. Stump has leave of absence.

Mr. Goldsborough delivers a bill to enable Samuel Hooper, of Dorchester county, to sell and convey certain lands therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Williams has leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The bill to enable Samuel Hooper, of Dorchester county, to sell and convey certain lands