

therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

A petition from Samuel Croxall, of Baltimore county, for an act of insolvency, was read and referred.

Mr. Mercer delivers a report respecting the western boundary of this state; which was read.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a bill relating to the records in the office of the register of wills for Harford county; which was read the first and second time and passed.

Mr. Shaaff delivers a bill empowering the chancellor to direct a sale of the real estate of Richard Jacob Duckett, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, for the purposes therein mentioned; which was read.

A petition from the vestrymen of Allhallows parish in Anne-Arundel county, was read and referred.

Mr. Linthicum delivers a report on the petition of Thomas Nicholls, in his favour; which was read.

Mr. Dickson delivers a further supplement to the act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of finishing the Roman catholic church in Frederick-town, in Frederick county.

Mr. Dickson delivers a bill to alter and change the name of James Donaldson Lowry, of the city of Baltimore, to that of James Lowry Donaldson; which was read.

The bill to ratify an amendment to the constitution of the United States of America, &c. was read the second time, and on motion, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till Monday next? Determined in the negative, yeas 30, nays 39.

The question was then put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Angier, Hatcheson, Thomas, Harwood, Hall, Dorsey, Carcaud, Lemmon, Brown, Ridgely, Lloyd, Rose, Veazey, Miller, Sheredine, Alexander, Van-Horn, Lyles, Muir, Thompson, Roberts, Sudler, Lowrey, Sturgis, Williams, Hawkins, Shriver, Clarke, Montgomery, Forwood, E. Davis, Lytle, Rich, Dickson, Dugan, Kerstner, Zeller, Smith, Yates, Bayard. 40.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. R. Neale, W. Neale, Hopewell, Grahame, Stuart, Jones, Chapman, M'Pherson, Dashiell, Carroll, Cottman, Hyland, Goldborough, Frazier, Calvert, Shaaff, Wilson, Purnell, Young, Swearingen, T. Davis, Veatch, Linthicum, Tomlinson, Cresap, Simkins. 26.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Mercer and Mr. Meluy, at their request, are excused from voting on the question.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Carroll have leave of absence for the remainder of the session. Mr. Lloyd has leave of absence for a few days.

The house resumed the consideration of the amendments to the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, and, on progression in reading the said amendments, the question was put, That the house agree to the fourth amendment? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 32, nays 27.

The question was then separately put, That the house agree to the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth amendments, and resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house agree to the ninth amendment? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 31, nays 29.

Questions were then put separately upon the tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth amendments, and carried in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house agree to the fourteenth amendment? Determined in the negative.

Questions were then separately put on the fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth amendments, and carried in the affirmative.

The following message being propounded to the house was read.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have assented to all the amendments proposed by you to the bill, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, except the third and fourteenth, and have sent the bill with the amendments back for your reconsideration, and hope that you will recede from the amendments dissented from by this house, as the passage of an assessment law this session, so as to include a large property at present not chargeable with the public assessment, is considered important.

On the second reading of the said message, the question was put, That the house agree thereto? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 31, nays 26.

MONDAY, DEC. 26, 1803.

The bill to enable Samuel Hooper, of Dorchester county, to sell and convey certain lands therein mentioned, the bill relating to the records in the office of the register of wills in Harford county, the bill to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads thro' Baltimore county, and for other purposes, the bill to ratify an amendment to the constitution of the United States of America, proposed by congress to the legislatures of the several states, the resolution respecting Indian lands in Dorchester county, and the mes-

sage respecting the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, with the said bill, were sent to the senate.

Petitions from Henry Brown, of the city of Baltimore, and Richard G. Hardesty, of Prince-George's county, for acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

Mr. Lloyd delivers a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Oxford, favourable to the petitioners; which was read.

Mr. Harwood delivers a bill for the relief of Abel Hill, of Anne-Arundel county; which was read the first and second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to alter and change the name of James Donaldson Lowry, of the city of Baltimore, to that of James Lowry Donaldson, was passed and sent to the senate.

The amendments to the supplement to the act relating to the public roads in Queen-Anne's county were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned, was passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Clarke delivers a supplement to the act to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of finishing the Roman catholic church in Frederick-town, in Frederick county; which was read.

The report on the petition of Agnes Brown and John Hamilton Brown was read the second time and concurred with.

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

The bill for the relief of Christopher Woolford, and the further additional supplement to the act for opening of Second-street in the city of Baltimore, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to authorise the extending of Chains across certain streets in the city of Baltimore during the hours of Divine worship on the Sabbath day, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill be withdrawn for amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

On the second reading of the further supplement to the act to ascertain the allowance of jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several county and orphans courts in this state, the question was put, That the following words be stricken out of the said bill? to wit: "where such jurymen shall reside more than six miles distant from the place at which such court shall or may be held." Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading said bill, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till the next session of assembly; Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the improvement of the streets of the city of Annapolis, and for other purposes, was passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Veazey delivers a report on the petition of Benjamin Fergulon, in his favour; which was read the first and second time, the resolution therein contained assented to, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Calvert delivers a report on the petition of Thomas Smith, in his favour; which was read.

A petition from William Singleton and George Johnston, of Cecil county, was read and referred.

Mr. Dashiell delivers an additional supplement to the act to regulate elections; which was read.

The bill empowering the chancellor to direct a sale of the real estate of Richard Jacob Duckett, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, for the purposes therein mentioned, was passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Dugan delivers a bill to authorise the extending of chains across certain streets in the city of Baltimore during the hours of Divine worship on the Sabbath day, as amended; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill respecting taxes on judicial proceedings and on the proceedings in the land office, and for other purposes.

The supplement to the act to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of finishing the Roman catholic church in Frederick-town, was passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Lyles delivers a report on the petition of the securities of Thomas Williams, favourable to the petitioners; which was read.

A petition from George Scoon, of Kent county, was read and referred.

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

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

The following message was sent to the senate.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We flatter ourselves that all the business of any importance now before us may be acted on so as to enable us to close the session on Saturday next, we therefore propose that both houses adjourn on that day.

On the second reading of the bill for the encouragement of learning in Queen-Anne's county, the question was put, That the words "five hundred dollars" be inserted in the said bill? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the words "four hundred dollars" be inserted in the said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the following be stricken out of the said bill? to wit: "And be it

enacted, That the treasurer of the eastern-shore academy, for ever hereafter, authorised and required to annually, on or before the first day of June, the sum of — dollars, as a public donation to the trustees of the said academy, or to their order. And be it enacted, That the trustees of the said academy shall annually, on or before the twenty-fifth day of November in each year, return to the general assembly an account of all sums by them received in virtue of this act, the names of the persons to whom paid, what use, as also the name of the scholars, the name of the teacher or teachers engaged, and the number and names of the scholars actually at said school, and a penalty of a forfeiture of the aforesaid donation upon a failure of making the return as aforesaid." Resolved in the affirmative.

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

The petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, referred from the last to the present session, was read and referred.

Mr. Alexander delivers a report on the petition of William Singleton and George Johnston, in their favour; which was read.

A petition from James Summers, of Caroline county, and a petition from Robert Luby, of Anne-Arundel county, were read and referred.

Mr. Dashiell delivers a report on the petition of Hezekiah Smallwood, against the petitioner; which was read and concurred with.

The following resolution was propounded to the house and read.

Whereas many persons, both officers and private, who rendered services on board the barges and look-out boats during the late war in the service of this state, have received no compensation for the same; therefore Resolved, That the auditor of this state and he is hereby authorised and directed to liquidate the accounts of all the officers and private who served on board the several barges and look-out boats during the late war, and upon their proving to his satisfaction, either by their own oath or otherwise, that they have performed the services for which they severally claim a compensation, that he allow their accounts respectively.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to all and every officer and private, who served on board any of the barges or look-out boats during the late war, the amount of their accounts respectively, when allowed by the auditor, out of any unappropriated monies remaining in the treasury.

A petition from John B. Beall, of Allegany county, was read and referred.

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

Whereas it is represented to the general assembly of Maryland, that on the 11th day of July, 1802, John Schley, one of the justices of the peace of Frederick county, held an inquest on the body of a person found drowned in Monocacy, whose name for place of residence could not be ascertained, and with whom was found, by the jurors composing said inquest, the sum of eighty-three dollars specie; and that the said John Schley took charge of said money, and put it into the hands of Lawrence Brengle, late sheriff of said county, to be by him accounted for, (after discharging the ordinary expences of the inquisition,) in such manner as may be deemed right; therefore Resolved, That Lawrence Brengle, late sheriff as aforesaid, pay the balance of the said money in the hands to the trustees or visitors of Frederick county school, and which the said visitors or trustees may apply to the completion of the well, or to the repair of the school-house, or property belonging to the same, as to them shall be thought proper.

A petition from James Neale was read and referred.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a bill to straighten part of the road in Harford county which leads from Underhill's mill to the city of Baltimore; which was read the first and second time and passed.

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

A petition from Benjamin Hatcheson, of Queen-Anne's county, was read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to repeal part of the act of assembly therein mentioned, the bill to alter, change, lay out and open, a road from Middle-town, in Frederick county, to Washington county, and the bill authorising any person prosecuted for a libel to give the truth in evidence, severally endorsed "will pass;" and the resolution in favour of John S. Brookes, endorsed "assented to;" which were ordered to be engrossed; the bill to lay out and open a road from the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, to the city of Washington and Georgetown, endorsed "will pass, with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed; the resolution in favour of Thomas Cockey Dye, endorsed "dissented from;" the bill for the relief of John Savin, of Cecil county, and the bill for erecting buildings for the use of the poor of Queen-Anne's county, severally endorsed, "will not pass;" a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Joseph Douglas, of Kent county, endorsed "will pass;" which was read; and a petition from Edward Owings, of Frederick county; which was read and referred.

TUESDAY, DEC. 27, 1803.

The bill to straighten part of the road in Harford county which leads from Underhill's mill to the city of Baltimore, the bill for the encouragement of learning in Queen-Anne's county, the resolution in favour