

Mr. Lloyd delivers a bill granting a loan of money to the trustees of the academy established in Easton, in Talbot county; which was read.

The bill for the encouragement of learning in Caroline county, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Van-Horn delivers a supplement to the act respecting the debts due to this state; and the debtors thereof, and for other purposes; which was read.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Oxford, was read the second time, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from John Francis Mercer, enclosing a statement of the monies expended in purchasing furniture, and repairs for the government-house, agreeably to the resolutions passed at November sessions, 1801 and 1802; which was read and referred to the joint committee of both houses appointed on that subject.

The engrossed bills from No. 1 to No. 42, except No. 19, 29, 32, 33 and 41, were assented to, and with the paper bills thereof, sent to the senate.

On the second reading of the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, the question was put, That the name of William Wells be stricken out of the said bill? Determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the name of Joshua Stevenson be stricken out of the said bill? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 25, nays 23.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following words be inserted in the third clause of the said bill after the word "he?" to wit: "is, and at the time of passing this act was, a citizen of the United States and of this state." Determined in the negative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following words be stricken out of the said bill? to wit: "that the said debtor shall be discharged from all debts, covenants, contracts, promises and agreements, due from, or owing or contracted by, him, before the date of the said deed, and by virtue of such order the said debtor shall be discharged as aforesaid." Determined in the negative, yeas 23, nays 30.

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

The clerk of the senate delivers the 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, the bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, the bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Calvert county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, the bill authorising James Summers, late sheriff and collector of Caroline county, to complete his collection, the bill further supplementary to the act to straighten and amend the public roads in Harford county, the bill to alter and change the name of James Donaldson Lowry, of the city of Baltimore, to that of James Lowry Donaldson, the further additional supplement to the act for the opening of Second-street in the city of Baltimore, severally endorsed, "will pass;" which were ordered to be engrossed; the bill relating to the inspection of flour and other articles in the city of Baltimore, the bill to revive and aid the proceedings of Calvert county court, the supplement to the act to prevent excessive gaming, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed; the bill for the relief of Abel Hill, endorsed, "will not pass;" and a bill for erecting buildings for the use of the poor of Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That the house adjourn till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock? Determined in the negative.

MONDAY, JAN. 2, 1804.

A petition from John Harris, of the city of Baltimore, for an act of insolvency, was preferred and read.

Mr. Goldsborough delivers a bill for the removal of suits from the county courts to the general court, and to authorise the general court to allow the depositions of witnesses to be taken and read in evidence in certain cases; which was read.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Benjamin Galloway, of Washington county, impeaching Luther Martin as attorney-general of the state; which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That the said letter be ordered to lie on the table? Determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said letter be thrown under the table.

Mr. Hatcher delivers a report on the petition of George Second, in his favour; which was read the first and second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

Mr. Dugan delivers the supplement to the act respecting Ten Eset lane in the city of Baltimore, as amended; which was read.

Mr. Lyles and Mr. Hatcher have leave of absence.

Mr. Kerliner delivers a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, against the petitioners; which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

Mr. Goldsborough delivers a report on the petition of John Griffin, against the petitioners; which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

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

The report on the petition of Thomas Beall, of Samuel, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, and, on further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the words "two years" be stricken out of the sixth clause of the said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the house reconsider the second clause of the said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the word "chancellor" be stricken out of the said clause? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 31, nays 24.

The question was then put, That the words "county court, or to the chief justice of the district in which such debtor resides," be inserted after the word "the" in the said clause? Determined in the negative, yeas 28, nays 29.

The question was then put, That the word "chancellor" be inserted in the said clause after the word "the?" Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 37, nays 29.

The question was then put, That the words "chief justice of the district, or the county court of the county in which such debtor may reside," be inserted in the said clause after the word "chancellor?" yeas 30, nays 30; the house being equally divided, the question was declared in the negative by the speaker.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause be stricken out of the said bill? "And be it enacted, That each insolvent debtor shall pay to the register of the court of chancery the sum of five dollars, to be paid to the chancellor." Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 32, nays 19.

The question was then put, That the following clause be inserted in the said bill? "And be it enacted, That each of the aforesaid petitioners shall, on filing his petition, pay to the register of chancery five dollars, to be by him paid to the treasurer of the western shore." Determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That that the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

#### AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Angier, Thomas, Harwood, Hall, Dorsey, Grahame, Gantt, Holland, Carcaud, Chapman, M'Pherson, Lemmon, Brown, Ridgely, Veazey, Miller, Sheredine, Alexander, Van-Horn, Calvert, Sudler, Hawkins, Shriver, Clarke, Montgomery, Forwood, E. Davis, Lytle, Rich, Dickson, Dugan, Kerliner, Zeller, Yates, Linthicum, Simkins. 36.

#### NEGATIVE.

Messrs. R. Neale, W. Neale, Hopewell, Mercer, Jones, Meluy, Rose, Dashiell, Casroll, Cottman, Hyland, Goldsborough, Bayly, Shaaff, Thompson, Lowrey, Purnell, Smith, T. Davis, Veatch, Cresap. 21.

So it was resolved in the affirmative. The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of Philemon Willis, and others, the resolution in favour of Benjamin Hatcher, severally endorsed, "assented to;" which were ordered to be engrossed; the resolution in favour of James B. Sullivan; the resolution in favour of Thomas Jackson, the resolution respecting the Indian lands, severally endorsed, "dissented from;" the bill for the relief of Christopher Woolford, the additional supplement to the act to regulate elections, the bill for the relief of Richard Morgan, severally endorsed, "will not pass;" a bill for the relief of Richard Morgan, of Montgomery county, and Christopher Woolford, of Washington county, a bill to aid the defect of the deed therein mentioned, severally endorsed, "will pass;" which were read; and the paper bills from No. 1 to 42, except No. 19, 29, 32; 33 and 41, severally endorsed, the engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

TUESDAY, JAN. 3, 1804.

The bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, the bill for erecting buildings for the use of the poor of Queen-Anne's county, the resolution respecting property in the town of Oxford, the resolution in favour of Thomas Beall, of Samuel, and the resolution in favour of George Second, were sent to the senate.

Ordered, That the bill for making navigable the river Susquehanna, be withdrawn for amendment.

A petition from Joseph Ennalls, of Dorchester county, and a petition from Henry Ramsparck, of Frederick county, were read and referred.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to repeal the second and third sections of the act to extend the powers of the levy court of Allegany county relative to roads in said county? Resolved in the affirmative.

A message respecting the bill empowering the chancellor to direct a sale of the real estate of Richard Jacob Duckett, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, with the said bill, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Goldsborough delivers a report on the petition of Joseph Ennalls, in his favour; which was read and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

A resolution, indulging Thomas Jackson until the first day of December next in the payment of the balance due by him to the state for property purchased, was assented to and sent to the senate.

On the second reading of the bill to confirm a partition made by certain commissioners appointed the purpose of dividing the lands of James Black, question was put, that the title be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, that the following inserted in lieu thereof? "An act to confirm the partition made by certain commissioners therein mentioned, and for other purposes." Resolved in the affirmative.

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

The bill to enable Margaret Hammond and Peter Hammond to erect a bridge over Patapisco was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion, the question was put, That the further consideration of the bill to authorise the opening a road in Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's counties, be postponed till the next session of assembly? Determined in the negative, yeas 27, nays 29.

The said bill being read the second time, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 40, nays 11, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Montgomery delivers the bill to increase tolls on the Susquehanna canal, and to repeal the section of the further supplement to the act making the river Susquehanna navigable from the mouth of this state to tide water, as amended; which was read the first and second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to direct the mode of proceeding where beasts shall be found trespassing beyond the limits of their owners? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Cresap delivers a supplement to an act to repeal the second and third sections of the act to extend the powers of the levy court of Allegany county relative to roads in said county; which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

The supplement to the act respecting Ten Eset lane in the city of Baltimore, was read the first time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative.

Leave given to bring in a bill extending time for taking the bond of the sheriff of Montgomery county.

Mr. Chapman delivers a further supplement to an act for amending, and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons; which was read.

Ordered, That the bill to reform the penal laws of this state have a second reading on to-morrow.

On the second reading of the bill granting a loan of money to the trustees of the academy established in Easton, The question was put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till the next session of assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Sturgis and Mr. Ireland being absent on leave, Ordered, That Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Sedine be added to the committee of claims.

The bill empowering the chancellor to direct a sale of the real estate of Priscilla Howerton, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, was read the second time and passed.

On motion, the question was put, That the further consideration of the bill respecting the religious rights of people called Jews, be postponed till the next session of assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. T. Davis delivers a bill extending the time for taking the bond of the sheriff of Montgomery county; which was read the first and second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of James B. Sullivan, and Dominick O'Donnell, severally endorsed, "assented to;" the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Oden and Elizabeth Randall, endorsed, "will pass;" which were ordered to be engrossed; and the bill to correct a mistake in the act granted for lots number 2201, 2202, and 2203 of the lands westward of Fort Cumberland, endorsed, "will not pass."

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4, 1804.

Mr. Clarke delivers a report on the petition of Ward Owings, against the petitioner; which was read and concurred with.

The bill to aid the defect of the deed therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

The bill respecting special courts of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery, was read the second time and the question put, that the further consideration thereof be postponed till the next session of assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the further supplement to the act to erect Baltimore town in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, have a second reading on the day of June next? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed till the next session of assembly? Determined in the negative.

On the second reading of the said bill, the question was put, That the word "four" be stricken out of the second enacting clause of the said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the words "shall have the same powers and functions in every respect as delegates to the general assembly" be inserted after the word "representatives" in the first section of the said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.