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ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, December 27, 1804.

Legislature of Maryland.

SKETCH OF PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

THURSDAY, December 20, 1804.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Leave given to bring in a bill to prevent the mischief arising from the multiplicity of useless dogs in this state.

The bill to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of erecting a market-house in the town of William's Port, in Washington county, the bill for the relief of James Sim, the bill to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, the resolutions in favour of Rebecca Stuart, Isaac Williams, and Samuel Maynard, were sent to the senate.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee to prepare and bring in a bill to withdraw certain funds from the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis, &c. (agreeably to the leave of yesterday,) and Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Lyles, Mr. Stansbury, Mr. Lowry, Mr. B. Tomlinson, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Sherdine, were elected.

Leave given to bring in a bill to provide for the election of the governor by the people, and to abolish all those parts of the constitution and form of government which relate to the council to the governor, and the time and manner of electing the governor, and for other purposes.

A petition from Joshua and Thomas Meredith, of Baltimore county, was read and referred.

Petitions from John Clark, Charles Rogers, John Liggett and Francis Johonnet, and Bernard H. Cook, of the city of Baltimore, and Thomas Ringgold, of Washington county, praying acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, and a petition from the Maryland Society for promoting useful knowledge, were read and referred.

Mr. Thomas delivers a bill, entitled, An act for recording a deed from William Irons to Frederick Armington, of Kent county; which was read.

Mr. Ellicott delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the sale of certain land belonging to the estate of Stephen Wilson, late of the city of Baltimore, deceased; which was read.

Mr. Potter delivers a bill, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned; which was read.

The further supplement to the act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 52, nays 4.

The report on the petition of John C. Bond was read the second time and concurred with.

The bill to lay out and make several public roads in Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time and passed.

The bill to continue the act to incorporate the insurance company in Baltimore-town, and the supplement thereto, was read the second time and passed.

On motion, the question was put, Will the house reconsider the report on the memorial of Elizabeth Johnson, of Anne-Arundel county? Resolved in the affirmative.

The report was then read and concurred with.

The bill to regulate the removal of suits from the county courts to the general court, and to allow the depositions of witnesses to be read in evidence in certain cases, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the bill pass? Determined in the negative, yeas 30, nays 32.

The resolution directing the treasurer to subscribe, on behalf of the state, for 134 shares in the bank of Baltimore, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee on the memorial of Thomas Herty, delivers a report, in his favour; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolutions respecting the compensation to William Pinkney, endorsed, "assented to."

A petition from James Doyle, of Charles county, was read and referred.

The bill authorising a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum of money to discharge debts incurred in erecting buildings for a seminary of learning established in the vicinity of Baltimore, &c. and the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire engine for the town of Elkton, were severally read the second time and passed.

A message was sent to the senate; appointing a committee on the part of the house of delegates for the purpose of comparing and examining engrossed bills.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, December 21, 1804.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The several bills passed, with the message appointing a committee to examine engrossed bills, were sent to the senate.

On motion, the question was put, That the house postpone the order of the day until Thursday next? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 36, nays 32.

The question was then put, That the house refer to the consideration of the next general assembly, the bill to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the general court and court of appeals? Yeas 36, nays 36, Determined in the negative by the speaker.

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

The bill for regulating the mode of staying execution, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the bill pass? Determined in the negative, yeas 27, nays 40.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of James Sim, endorsed, "will pass;" ordered to be engrossed; the supplement to the act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed; the bill for the relief of John Cushwa, endorsed, "will pass;" ordered to be engrossed; the bill to establish a bank, and incorporate a company under the name of The Farmers Bank, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments; which amendments were read; and the resolution directing the treasurer to subscribe for shares in the bank of Baltimore, endorsed, "assented to."

Ordered, That the visitors and governors of Saint-John's college lay before this house a correct statement of the number and names of the scholars actually at said college, stating particularly the age and residence of each scholar, and the study each is engaged in, and how long they have been engaged in such particular study, also a statement of the amount of money received, or now due, for tuition.

Leave given to bring in a bill to alter the times of holding the county courts in the several counties therein mentioned.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

!SATURDAY, December 22, 1804

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. B. Mackall and Mr. Ringgold have leave of absence for a few days.

Petitions from Adam Aldberger, John Hobby, James Morgan, junior, and John H. Beha, of the city of Baltimore, Joseph Kidder, of _____ county, Thomas Keer, of Baltimore county, and William Barclay and Joshua Barclay, of Harford county, praying acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

A petition from James Gillingham, and others, of the city of Baltimore, a petition from sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, a petition from Mary Edmondson, of Cecil county, a petition from James Roylton, of the city of Annapolis, a petition from Colmore Duvall, of Prince-George's county, and a memorial from John P. Paca, of Queen-Anne's county, were read and referred.

Mr. Ellicott delivers a bill, entitled, An act for opening and extending a certain street in the city of Baltimore; which was read.

Mr. Bruce delivers a bill, entitled, An act respecting certain lots of land westward of Fort Cumberland; which was read.

The bill to compel the registers of wills in the several counties therein mentioned to keep each his office at the seat of justice, &c. was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Ellicott delivers a bill, entitled, An act respecting Primrose alley, in the city of Baltimore; which was read.

Mr. Potter delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of Denton, in Caroline county, and for other purposes; which was read.

On motion, the question was put, Will the house refer to the consideration of the next general assembly the supplement to the act to ascertain and establish a permanent salary to the governor? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Swearingen delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising Solomon Holland, late collector of Montgomery county, to complete his collection; which was read.

The bill for the relief of Robert Morgan, was read the second time and passed.

The amendments to the resolution in favour of John Norris, were read the second time and agreed to.

On motion, That the bill to incorporate the Union insurance company of Maryland, be read the second time? the question was put, That the second reading of said bill be postponed till Wednesday next? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the second reading of said bill be postponed? Determined in the negative.

The said bill was then read the second time and passed.

The further additional supplement to the act to erect a town in Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time and passed.

The additional supplement to the further additional supplement to the act to direct descents, was read the second time and passed.

The bill for recording a deed from William Irons to Frederick Armington, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the bill pass? Determined in the negative.

The resolution in favour of Elizabeth Johnson, and the resolution in favour of John C. Bond, were sent to the senate.

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, December 24, 1804.

THE house met. Present as on Saturday, except Mr. B. Mackall, and Mr. Ringgold. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Swearingen and Mr. Covington have leave of absence for a few days.

The bill for the relief of Robert Morgan, the supplement to the additional supplement to the act to direct descents, the further additional supplement to the act to erect a town in Queen-Anne's county, and the bill to incorporate the Union insurance company of Maryland, were sent to the senate.

Leave given to bring in a bill to alter the time of holding the county court in Worcester county.

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

The bill to lay out and open a public road from Queen's-town, in Queen-Anne's county, to Queen's-town creek, and the bill for the relief of Joseph Booth, of Saint-Mary's county, were read the second time and passed.

A petition from Sarah Stafford, of Caroline county, was read and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body.

Leave given to bring in a bill for the amendment of the law in the cases therein mentioned.

The bill authorising the selling and disposing of a small parcel of land belonging to Stepney parish, in Somerset county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a bill, entitled, An act to enlarge further the power of the trustees of the poor in the several counties wherein poor-houses have been established; which was read.

Mr. Stephen delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising the persons therein named to dispose of certain ground belonging to the society of quakers in the city of Baltimore, and a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Maryland society for promoting useful knowledge; which were severally read.

Mr. J. Bayly delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of holding the county court in Worcester county; which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That the house dispense with the sixteenth rule thereof? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill to alter the time of holding the county court in Worcester county, was read the second time passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire engine for the town of Elkton, in Cecil county, endorsed, "will pass;" the additional supplement to the act to improve and repair the streets in Frederick-town, and the bill to incorporate the stockholders in the Union bank of Maryland, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read; and a message, notifying that the senate had appointed a committee on their part to examine the engrossed bills.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the amendments to the bill to establish a bank, and incorporate a company under the name of The Farmers Bank of Maryland, and the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, were agreed to.

The question was then put, Will the house agree to the 13th amendment? to wit: "at the end of the 12th page add, provided however that it shall not be lawful for the treasurer of either shore to deposit or exchange any public money with the said bank or branch bank, unless in pursuance of authority for that purpose from the legislature." Determined in the negative, yeas 21, nays 35.

The rest of the amendments were agreed to, and a message to the senate was read and agreed to, proposing a conference on the subject of the 13th amendment, and naming Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Stuart, for that purpose.

On motion, ordered, That Mr. Stansbury and Mr. Harryman be added to the committee on the bill to reform the penal laws of this state.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to provide for the election of the justices of the levy court by the people? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 31, nays 30.

Ordered, That a committee of five be balloted for to prepare and bring in the said bill.

The question was then put, That the house adjourn till Wednesday morning 9 o'clock? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 31, nays 20.

The house adjourns till Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, December 26, 1804.

THE house met. Present as on Monday, except Mr. Covington and Mr. Swearingen. The proceedings of Monday were read.

Petitions from Alexander Coulter, Jacob Miller, John Gill and Simon Wilmer, of the city of Baltimore, Isaac Hollstine, of Worcester county, and John F. Beall, of Charles county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred and read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, and a petition from Hugh Sherwood, of late sheriff of Talbot county, were read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for erecting a market-house in William's-Port, the bill to continue the act to incorporate an insurance company in Baltimore-town, and the supplement thereto, the bill to compel the registers of wills to keep their offices at the seat of justice, the bill authorising a lottery