

The following resolution being propounded to the house, was read:

Whereas the proprietary debt books, deposited in the council chamber, have received considerable injury from time and use, and some of the indexes thereto have been lost, and others impaired and mutilated: And whereas it would greatly tend to the future preservation of the said debt books that the same should be well bound, under the direction of the executive; Resolved, That the clerk of the council be and he is hereby required, under the direction of the governor and council, carefully to examine such of the indexes of the said debt books as now remain, and to complete the same where they shall appear to be deficient, and to make out and supply proper indexes where the original indexes have been lost, and to cause the said debt books and indexes, when so completed, to be bound up in a strong, convenient and sufficient manner; and the governor and council are hereby authorized and requested to allow and pay to the said clerk of the council such compensation for the service hereby required of him as they shall think reasonable and just.

Resolved, That the said debt books, when so completed, shall continue to remain in the council chamber, under the care of the clerk of the council, and that a copy from them, certified and proved in the manner that is directed in other cases by the act of November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, chapter one hundred and eight, shall be received as evidence in any court of justice of this state.

Mr. Ellicott delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes; which was read.

On motion, ordered, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the said bill for the use of the legislature.

Mr. Stephen delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as establish religious tests as a qualification for civil offices; which was read.

Mr. Mercer delivers a bill, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state; which was read.

The bill, entitled, An act to change the names of Jacob Sedgwick, Matthias Sedgwick, George Sedgwick and Christian Sedgwick, to the names of Jacob Adreon, Matthias Adreon, George Adreon and Christian Adreon, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Watts delivers a bill, entitled, An act 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; which was read.

Mr. Cox delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Carnan and Abraham Pennington, insolvent debtors, of Cecil county; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill for the regulation of officers fees, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An act for the encouragement of learning in this state, and for other purposes therein mentioned, be recommitted for amendment.

The following resolution was propounded to the house:

Whereas it hath appeared by the journal of the proceedings of his excellency the governor and honourable council of this state during the last year, as exhibited to this house on the _____ day of _____, that during the whole term of said year the honourable Richard H. Harwood attended in council 99 days, the honourable Allen B. Duckett, 91 days, the honourable Reverdy Ghiselin, 76 days, the honourable Francis Digges, 36 days, and the honourable Richard T. Earle, 15 days; therefore Resolved, That each and every member of the council to the governor for the ensuing year shall be and they are hereby subjected to forfeit two dollars and fifty cents for each and every day's nonattendance, when the council is in session, and to be deducted from their next quarter's salary, and that all sums of money paid for express sent for any member or members of the council, be deducted from his or their next quarter's salary, and remain in the treasury for the use of the state, which deduction shall be made by the treasurer of the western shore, according to a statement to be made out by the governor and council, which statement, specifying the number of days each member may have been absent, and the amount of expences for expresses, the clerk aforesaid is hereby authorized and required to furnish the treasurer of the western shore with, quarterly.

Which was read.

The bill to authorize a lottery in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, was read the second time and passed.

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, November 25, 1805.

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

Mr. Harryman has leave of absence for a few days.

Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal the second session of an act, entitled, An act to enlarge further the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties therein mentioned, passed at last session of assembly, and a supplement to an act concerning estates tail.

Mr. Sudler delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorizing James Hackett, and others, securities of James R. Pratt, late sheriff, and John B. Hackett and Richard E. Harrison, late collectors, of Queen-Anne's county, to complete the collections of the money due the said sheriff and collectors; which was read.

Petitions from Benjamin Wailes, of Somerset county, John H. Barney, of Baltimore county, and Richard G. Rawlings, of Anne-Arundel county, praying acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

The bill to authorize and empower Samuel Hooper, of Dorchester county, to convey the tract of land therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and, with the bill to authorize a lottery in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, sent to the senate.

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

The report on the petition of Jas. Boarman was read the second time, and the resolution therein assented to.

Leave given to bring in a bill to authorize commissioners to change the place of holding the election in the third election district in Somerset county.

Mr. Watts delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act concerning estates tail; which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes, be made the order of the day for Monday the ninth of December next? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the same be made the order of the day for Tuesday the third of December next? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from the executive, enclosing a letter from the secretary at war of the United States, requiring a return of the militia of this state, and also a return made by the visitors of Frederick county school, and the bill authorizing Lawrence Brengle, late collector of Frederick county, to complete his collections, endorsed, "will not pass;" which were read.

Mr. Ellicott delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the establishment of a school in the city of Baltimore; which was read.

Mr. Prideaux delivers a bill, entitled, An act to ratify and confirm the proceedings of the committee of the Buckingham congregation in Worcester county, and for other purposes; which was read.

The bill for the more effectual preservation of wild deer in Somerset county, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Carroll delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly of this state, and for other purposes; which was read.

Mr. Hyland delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Richard Waters, of William, Ezekiel Gillis and Richard Minih, of Somerset county; which was read.

A petition from the trustees of the poor of Washington county, was read and referred.

Mr. Holbrook delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Amelia Chance, of Caroline county; which was read.

Mr. Holbrook delivers a report on the petition of William Camper, sen. against the petitioner; which was read and concurred with.

The bill for the establishment of a school in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Chapman delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the judges of the general court to send causes to their respective counties for trial, to facilitate the taking of depositions of witnesses, and to prevent the removal of causes for delay from the county courts to the general court, and for the regulation of fees in the general court, chancery court and court of appeals; which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That the said bill be the order of the day for Wednesday the fourth of December next? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 36, nays 23.

Leave given to bring in a further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, November 26, 1805.

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

Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to the jurisdiction of the high court of chancery, general court and county courts, and for other purposes.

Petitions from William Starr, of the city of Baltimore, Edward H. Smith and George Vance, of Somerset county, and Jonathan Waters, of Anne-Arundel county, praying acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

A petition from Abraham Jones and others, of Montgomery county, was read and referred.

Mr. Watts delivers a bill, entitled, An act relating to the jurisdiction of the high court of chancery, general court, county courts, and for other purposes; which was read.

Mr. Linthicum delivers a report on the petition of Abraham Jones, against the petitioner; which was read and concurred with.

A petition from Thomas Riley, of Worcester county, a petition from John B. Beall, of Allegany county, and a petition from Thomas Hardcastle, and others, of Caroline county, were read and referred.

Mr. Watts delivers a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Mary Kline, of the city of Baltimore, and Jacob Kline her husband; which was read.

A petition from Catharine Haws, of Baltimore county, was read and referred.

The memorial of David Barclay and John Lloyd was referred to a committee.

On the second reading of the resolution relative to the attendance of the council to the governor, the question was put, That the words "that each and

every member of the council to the governor for the ensuing year, shall be and they are hereby subjected to forfeit two dollars and fifty cents for each and every day's non-attendance when the council is in session, to be deducted from their next quarter's salary," be struck out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said resolution, the question was put, That the words "or for the governor," be inserted after the word "council?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said resolution, the question was put, That the words "the number of days each member may have been absent," be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the said resolution be postponed? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, Leave given to withdraw the said resolution.

The resolution authorizing the clerk of the council to furnish indexes to the proprietary debt books, and have the same bound, was read the second time and assented to.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, was referred to a committee.

The following resolution was read:

Whereas it is declared by the constitution of Maryland, that three persons of integrity and sound judgment in the law, be appointed judges of the court now called the Provincial Court, and that the same court be hereafter called and known by the name of the General Court, which court shall sit on the western and eastern shores, for transacting and determining the business of the respective shores, at such times and places as the future legislature of this state shall direct and appoint: And whereas it is also provided by the said form of government, that nothing therein which relates to the eastern shore particularly, shall at any time thereafter be altered, unless for the alteration and confirmation thereof at least two thirds of all the members of each branch of the general assembly shall concur: And whereas it appears by the votes and proceedings of the house of delegates of the state of Maryland, at the last session of the general assembly, held in the year one thousand eight hundred and four, that the act 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, passed only by a majority of two votes; therefore resolved, That it is the opinion of this house, that the general court cannot be abolished, unless the bill for abolishing the same be assented to by two thirds at least of each branch of the general assembly, and therefore it is unnecessary for this house to act on the bill sent down from the honourable senate, to confirm the said act to provide, &c.

Ordered, That the said resolution be communicated to the senate, and that _____ be a committee to draught a message for that purpose.

The question was then put, That the said resolution be made the order of the day for Friday the sixth day of December next? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the same be made the order of the day for to-morrow? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, November 27, 1805.

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

Mr. Ringgold delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the justices of the levy court of Washington county to assess a sum of money on the taxable property of the said county for the purposes therein mentioned; which was read.

On the second reading of the resolution by especial order, relative to the constitutionality of the bill passed last session relative to the general court and court of appeals, the question was put, That the words "to provide, &c." be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the question be taken upon the said resolution as far as the said amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Affirmative. Messieurs Neale, Hebb, Plater, Scott, Hanson, Merriken, Mercer, D'Arcy, Higgins, Stuart, Parnham, M'Pheron, Chapman, Ogden, Denny, Jackson, Bayly, Cottman, Hyland, Frazier, Ward, Van-Horn, Hall, Callis, Muir, Shaaff, Carroll, Selby, Watts, Linthicum—30.

Negative. Messieurs Leigh, Hurtt, Gale, B Mackall, Somervell, Lemmon, Spencer, Lloyd, Dickinson, Esmalls, Smoot, Cox, Henderson, Moffit, Porter, Contee, Blake, Sudler, Nicholson, Gleaves, Sturgis, Duer, Bishop, Prideaux, Hawkins, Waters, Cockey, Kuhn, Montgomery, Forwood, Ayres, Street, Holbrook, Bayard, Turpin, Jump, Ellicott, Stephen, Bowles, Smith, Ringgold, Yates, Bruce, Tomlinson, Rizer, Cretap—46.

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the remainder of the resolution? Determined in the negative.

MARRIED, on Tuesday, the 14th instant, at Frederick-town, by the rev. GEORGE BOWER, ALEXANDER C. MAGRUDER, Esq; of this city, to Miss REBECCA THOMAS, daughter of Dr. Philip Thomas, of that place.

DIED, on Wednesday, the 20th instant, at Hammond's Ferry, Mr. JOHN CRAIGS, in the 68th year of his age.

On Monday last, in this city, Mr. CHARLES RIDGELY, in the 75th year of his age.

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