

The question was then put, That the same have a second reading on Monday the 16th instant? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Ordered, that the bill relative to sheriffs and constables, have a second reading on Thursday the 19th instant.

Mr. Scott delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Thomas and John Carvil Hynson, jun. of Kent county; which was read.

Mr. Stephen delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road to lead from the cross roads near Richard Caton's limekiln, in Baltimore county, nearly in the direction of Jones's falls, to the city of Baltimore; which was read.

A petition from Rinaldo Johnson, of Prince-George's county, was read and referred.

Mr. Watts delivers a bill, entitled, An act to appoint Elizabeth Crabb and Richard Orme, of Montgomery county, trustees, for locating and transferring certain lands lying in Montgomery county, part of the real estate of the late Jeremiah Crabb, deceased; which was read.

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

Mr. Watts delivers a bill, entitled, An act for an addition to the town of Rockville, in Montgomery county; which was read.

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, December 16, 1805.

THE house met. Present as on Saturday, except Mr. Ringgold and Mr. Ellicott. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Stuart and Mr. Holland appeared in the house: Mr. Holbrook, Mr. Smoot and Mr. Street, have leave of absence.

Petitions from William Furniss, of Somerset county, James Roper, of Talbot county, and Thomas Adlum, of Harford county, for acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

On motion, the question was put, That the bill to straighten and amend the old road leading from Randall's town to George Beams's, commonly called the Liberty-town Road, now have a second reading? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the further consideration of the same be postponed until Friday the 20th instant? Resolved in the affirmative.

Leave given to bring in a bill to establish permanent salaries for the judges of the six judicial districts in this state.

A petition from John Smith Brookes, of Prince-George's county, a petition from Charles Gardiner, of Charles county, and a petition from James Rice and Mary Wolf, of Frederick county, were read and referred.

Ordered, That the bill for draining a branch called Old-town Branch, lying in the upper part of Caroline county, be recommitted for amendment.

The report on the petitions of Solomon Jones and Jacob Hellen was read the second time and concurred with.

The report on the petition of John Newton, and the report on the petition of Philip Key, were severally read the second time, and the resolutions therein contained assented to.

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

Ordered, That the supplementary act to the act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, have a second reading on Wednesday the 18th instant.

A petition from Thomas Potet, of Harford county, and a petition from Benjamin Oden and John Hodges, of Thomas, was read and referred.

Ordered, That Mr. Mercer and Mr. Stuart be added to the committee on the petition of Hezekiah Speake.

Mr. Contee delivers a report on the petition of John Smith Brookes, in his favour; which was read.

According to order, the house proceeded to the second reading of the further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the direction of sheriffs and coroners in the return of jurors, and for the better regulation of juries, and after making several amendments thereto, the question was put, That the further consideration of said bill be referred to the first day of June next? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Stephen delivers a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the erection of a new court-house for Baltimore county; which was read.

On motion, the question was put, Will the house postpone the consideration of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state? Determined in the negative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of said bill, and, on motion, the question was put, That the following section (confirming the enrolment and arrangement heretofore made) be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted for amendment.

Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to establish two additional warehouses in the city of Baltimore for the inspection of tobacco, and also a bill for the relief of Richard Waters, of William, Ezekiel Gillis, and Richard Minish, insolvent debtors, of Somerset county.

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

continue the act therein mentioned, the resolutions in favour of John Newton, Philip Key, and John B. Beall, were sent to the senate.

Leave given to bring in a bill to authorise the trustees of the poor of Baltimore county to dispose of, in lots, the almshouse property of said county, and for other purposes.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of flour not merchantable, and unsound salted provisions, from the port of Havre-de-Grace; endorsed, "will pass;" which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. And also the bill to lay out and open a road in Harford county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. M'Pherson delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise Baltimore county court to remove the case therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Lloyd delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Anne Reynolds, of Talbot county; which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, December 17, 1805.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Holbrook, Mr. Smoot and Mr. Street. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. R. Mackall appeared in the house.

Mr. M'Pherson delivers a report on the petition of Charles Gardiner, in his favour; which was read.

The bill to lay out and open a certain road in Harford county, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Lemmon delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read.

Petitions from Edward Oldham, of Cecil county, Samuel Coats, jun. of Frederick county, and John Bruff, of Somerset county, for acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

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.

A petition from Martha Hall, administratrix of Edward Hall, of Anne-Arundel county, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, were read and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill to extend further the powers of the clerks of the several counties of this state.

A petition from John Love, of Harford county, was read and referred.

The report on the memorial of John S. Belt, and others, was read the second time and the resolution therein assented to.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore was read and referred.

Mr. Bayard delivers a bill, entitled, An act for draining part of a branch called Old-town Branch, lying in the upper part of Caroline county; which was read.

On the second reading of the report on the petition of Thomas Meredith, the question was put, That the words "with interest thereon from the 17th day of September, 1785," be stricken out of the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution being read throughout, the question was put, Will the house concur with the said report, and assent to the said resolution? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Stephen delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the corporation of the Roman catholic clergymen, and for other purposes; which was read.

The bill for the relief of William Thomas and John Carvil Hynson, jun. was read the second time and passed.

A petition from Richard Gittings and Lambert Smith, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency, was read and referred.

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

Leave given to bring in a further additional supplement to the act to direct descents.

The report on the petition of Charles F. Brodhag was read the second time and the resolution therein assented to.

According to order, the house proceeded to the second reading of the act to provide for the election of commissioners to settle and ascertain the public taxes in each county of this state, and for other purposes, and after amending the same, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative, yeas 19, nays 39.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, December 18, 1805.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The speaker being absent, the house proceeded to ballot for a speaker pro tem. and upon examining the ballots it appeared, that Lloyd Dorsey, Esq; was elected. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hyland appeared in the house.

The report on the petition of John S. Brookes was read the second time and the resolution therein assented to.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county was read and referred.

The bill for the relief of Richard Waters, of William, Ezekiel Gillis, and Richard Minish, was read the second time, passed, and, with the bill for the relief of William Thomas and John Carvil Hynson, the

bill to lay out and open a certain road in Harford county, and the resolutions in favour of Thomas Meredith, John S. Belt, and others, Charles F. Brodhag and John S. Brookes, sent to the senate.

A petition from Luther Martin, of the city of Baltimore, was read and referred.

The bill for the relief of Grafton Duvall, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to prevent persons erecting booths, and retailing spirituous liquors, within one mile of the places of religious worship of the people called Methodists, &c. was read the second time, amended, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 41, nays 14.

Mr. Kuhn delivers a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish a market in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, and for the regulation of the said market; which was read.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill authorising the laying out a road in Worcester county from Mitchell's causeway, &c. endorsed, "will pass;" ordered to be engrossed; and the resolution relative to the Easton academy, endorsed, "assented to."

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Bladenburg was read and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill to establish a tribunal for the administration of justice in chancery cases on the eastern shore, and to repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government as are incompatible therewith.

On motion, the question was put, That the second reading of the bill for the encouragement of learning in this state, and for other purposes, which was the order of this day, be postponed until to-morrow? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

CONGRESS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, December 6.

A message was delivered from the president of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his secretary, as follows:

"Mr. Speaker,

"I am directed by the president of the United States to deliver you a message in writing."

The speaker having received and opened a packet of considerable size, observed, that the message was confidential, and thereupon ordered the galleries to be cleared.

In about one hour and a half the doors were opened, when it appeared that part of the communication made by the president were confidential, and that the members of the house remained under an injunction of secrecy with regard to them; and that another part was not confidential. This part embraces, among others, the following documents:

1. A letter from governor Claiborne to the secretary of state, dated October 24, 1805, in which, after stating the preparations making by the Spaniards at Pensacola and other places, he says—"I flatter myself that hostilities between the United States and Spain may be avoided, and that an honourable adjustment of our differences may ensue. But I am inclined to think that the Spanish agents calculate on a speedy rupture, and are making all the preparations that their means permit to commence the war in this quarter."

2. Statements respecting the detention of the American gun-boats.

3. Correspondence between governor Claiborne and the marquis de Casa Calvo, on exempting the Spanish officers from municipal taxes.

4. Correspondence between governor Williams, of the Mississippi territory, and governor Grandpre, with sundry communications to the secretary of state, on outrages committed in the Mississippi territory.

5. Documents to shew that the settlement of Bayou Pierre on the Red River, at which a principal aggression took place, was originally made by France, while possessing Louisiana, and came to the possession of Spain only by the general delivery of Louisiana to her and as a part of it.

6. Extract of a letter from C. Pinckney, dated August 1805, as well as one dated September 27, 1805, respecting Spanish Spoiliations.

7. Communications from governor Claiborne, dated October 24, 1805, respecting obstructions on the Mobile.

8. Copy of a letter from the commander of the ship *Huntsfels*, to the secretary of the navy.

By the representatives in the present general assembly from Cabarrus county, (North-Carolina,) we learn that the proprietors of the gold mine in that country continue to collect that precious metal, though in smaller quantities than heretofore. We learn also, that the gentleman from Maryland, who purchased a quantity of land last year at a high price, with the expectation of finding gold in it, is about to establish works upon the land, and is likely to succeed. Small pieces of gold, we are informed, have been found several miles from the place where it was first discovered—[*Raleigh, (N. C.) paper.*]

We are informed by the post rider from Clarkburg, that Clemmons, who murdered his wife and children near that town, resigned himself into the hands of justice on Tuesday the 19th November.

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