

Legislature of Maryland.

SKETCH OF PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

THURSDAY, January 2, 1806.

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

The bill to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly, the bill to establish permanent salaries for the judges of the six judicial districts of this state, the bill for the benefit of Thomas Hodges and Eleanor Hodges, the bill to withdraw the funds from Washington and Saint-John's colleges, and the bill to alter and change the name of Elizabeth Sower, of the city of Baltimore, were sent to the senate.

A petition from Jacob Workman, of Allegany county, and a petition from Anthony Fox, of Anne-Arundel county, were read and referred.

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 the first and second time and passed.

The bill for the support of Solomon Jones and wife, was read the second time, passed, and, with the bill aforesaid, sent to the senate.

Mr. Bruce delivers a report on the petition of Jacob Workman, in his favour; which was read.

Mr. Smoot delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the support of Covinton Jones and wife; which was read.

Ordered, That the bill to provide for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein, have a second reading on to-morrow.

A petition from James Cockran, of Cecil county, and a petition from Samuel Couden, of Cecil county, were read and referred.

Ordered, That the bill to provide for rendering passable through Baltimore county the public road leading from the city of Baltimore by Belle-Air, in Harford county, to Peach-Brook, in Susquehanna, be recommitted for amendment.

According to order, the house proceeded to the second reading of the bill relating to the jurisdiction of the high court of chancery, general court and county courts, and after making alterations therein, the question was put, That the said bill be referred to the consideration of the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 48—Nays 7.

Mr. Chapman delivers a report on the petition of Robert Halkerstone, in his favour; which was read.

On motion, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to the equity jurisdiction of the county courts of this state, and to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the high court of chancery, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 45—Nays 7.

Mr. Street delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to straighten part of the road in Harford county which leads from Underhill's mill to the city of Baltimore; which was read.

Mr. Merriken delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Robert Williams, a free black man, and his wife and children; which was read.

Mr. Ayres delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to lay out and make a public road from the Black-house, in Harford county, to intersect the Pennsylvania line; which was read.

A memorial from Benjamin Harwood, of the city of Annapolis, was read and referred.

Mr. Stephen delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the drawing of a lottery within the city of Baltimore for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read.

Ordered, That the bill for the encouragement of learning in this state, and for other purposes, have a second reading on Tuesday the sixth instant.

The bill for the relief of Richard Gittings and Lambert Smith, of the city of Baltimore, insolvent debtors, was read the second time and passed.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, were read and referred.

The amendments to the supplement to the act to establish a market in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, and for the regulation of the said market, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

A memorial from William Gwynn, of the city of Baltimore, was read and referred.

The bill to declare what shall be evidence in certain cases therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, January 3, 1806.

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

A petition from sundry citizens of Baltimore, and a petition from Temperance Vessels, of Saint-Mary's county, were read and referred.

Mr. Kuhn delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and make a public road in Frederick county; which was read.

Mr. Harryman delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a certain road in Baltimore county, to intersect the main road leading from Cromwell's bridge to Baltimore; which was read.

According to order, the house proceeded to the second reading of the bill for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein, and after

making sundry alterations to said bill, and postponing for further consideration, the sixth and seventeenth sections,

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, January 4, 1806.

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

The bill for the relief of Richard Gittings and Lambert Smith, and the bill to declare what shall be evidence in certain cases therein mentioned, was sent to the senate.

The bill giving further powers to the corporation of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplement to the act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road, to lead from the cross-roads near Richard Catton's limekiln, in Baltimore county, nearly in the direction of Jones's falls to the city of Baltimore, the bill to lay out and open a road from the Pennsylvania line to the Susquehanna canal, in Cecil county, and the bill for an addition to the town of Rockville, in Montgomery county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the following message:

Having received a confidential communication from the executive, which we herewith transmit, we beg leave to suggest the propriety of a conference between the two branches of the legislature on the important subject therein referred to.

Hoping that you will concur with us in this opinion, we have appointed Mr. Houston, Mr. Christie, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Partridge and Mr. John Johnson, a committee on the part of the senate to join any gentlemen you may think proper to name.

Which was read.

The following message was sent to the senate:

We have received your message of the 3d instant, relative to certain confidential communications, and concur in the propriety of a conference between the two branches of the legislature on the important subject referred to therein, and have appointed Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Bruce and Mr. Somerwell on the part of this house, to join the gentlemen named in your message.

The bill giving further powers to the corporation of the city of Baltimore, was also sent to the senate.

Mr. Denny appears in the house.

Mr. Kuhn delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise James Rice and Mary Wolf to dispose of the land therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Ennalls delivers a bill, entitled, An act to provide for recording certain papers in the register's office of Dorchester county; which was read.

A petition from Caleb Johnson and Hezekiah Johnson, of Harford county, and Richard Britton, of Baltimore county, a petition from the vestrymen of Shrewsbury parish, in Kent county, and a memorial from Martha Rafin, of Kent county, were read and referred.

The house resumed the consideration of the sixth and seventeenth sections of the bill to provide for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein, and after filling up the blanks therein, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the support of Solomon Jones and wife, 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, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The further supplement to the act for the better regulation of apprentices, endorsed, "will not pass." The further additional supplement to the act for marking and bounding lands, and the bill for the benefit of the corporation of the Roman catholic clergymen, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments." Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the resolution in favour of James M. Cresap, endorsed, "assented to."

Mr. Ellicott delivers a bill, entitled, An act to appoint wardens for the port of Baltimore; which was read.

Petitions from Thomas B. Randall, of Baltimore county, and Isaac Peach, of Prince-George's county, for acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

Ordered, That the bill to alter and amend that part of the constitution and form of government which settles and ascertains the number of delegates of the city of Baltimore to the general assembly of this state, have a second reading on Wednesday the 8th instant.

The bill to authorise the drawing of a lottery within the city of Baltimore for the purpose therein mentioned, and the bill for the support of Covinton Jones and wife, were read the second time and passed.

On motion, the question was put, Will the house reconsider the bill, entitled, An act for draining part of a branch called Old-town Branch, lying in the upper part of Caroline county? Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the same be recommitted for amendment.

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, January 6, 1806.

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

The bill to authorise the drawing of a lottery within the city of Baltimore for the purpose therein mentioned, the bill for the support of Covinton Jones and wife, and the bill to provide for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state,

and for the administration of justice therein, were sent to the senate.

The report on the petition of Jacob Workman was read the second time and the resolution therein assented to.

On motion, Ordered, That the second reading of the bill to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the line of the district of Columbia, where it crosses the post-road leading from George-town to Frederick-town, through Montgomery and Frederick counties to Frederick-town, be postponed until Thursday the 9th instant.

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

A petition from Edward Hargadine, of Queen-Anne's county, for an act of insolvency, was read and referred.

A petition from Peter Myers, of Frederick county, was read and referred.

Mr. Neale delivers a bill, entitled, An act to empower the justices of the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read.

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

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to lay out and make a public road in Frederick county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On the second reading of the bill to provide for recording certain papers in the register's office of Dorchester county, the question was put, That the same be referred to the consideration of the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to prevent slaves being set free? Determined in the negative—Yeas 9—Nays 39.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of Robert Halkerstone was read the second time, and, on motion, ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the manner of manumitting slaves? Determined in the negative.

The bill to authorise James Rice and Mary Wolf to dispose of the land therein mentioned, the bill to authorise Baltimore county court to remove the case therein mentioned, and the bill to lay out and open a certain road in Baltimore county, to intersect the main road leading from Cromwell's bridge to Baltimore, were read the second time, passed, and, with the resolution in favour of Jacob Workman, sent to the senate.

Mr. Lurpin delivers a report on the petition of John Dawson, and others, against the petitioners; which was read and concurred with.

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, was read the second time and passed.

The amendments to the supplement to the act for introducing a copious supply of wholesome water into the city of Baltimore, were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

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

Leave given to bring in a bill for erecting a town at or near the mouth of Will's creek, in Allegany county.

A memorial from Jeremiah Townley Chase, of the city of Annapolis, was read and referred.

Mr. Bayly delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the establishment of new public road in Somerset county, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 7, 1806.

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

The supplement to the act to lay out and make a public road from the Black-house, in Harford county, to intersect the Pennsylvania line, and the bill to ratify and confirm the marriage articles made between Ely Dorsey, of Ely, of Frederick county, and Ann Minto his wife, were severally read the second time and passed.

Ordered, That the bill for the encouragement of learning in this state, and for other purposes therein mentioned, have a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Gleaves delivers a bill, entitled, An act for draining part of a branch of Tuckahoe, known by name of Beaver Dam Branch, lying in Queen-Anne's county; which was read.

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.

The report on the petition of Robert Halkerstone was read the second time and the resolution therein assented to.

A petition from Joshua Stevenson was read and referred.

Ordered, That the bill to establish a chancery court on the eastern shore of this state, and to abolish all such parts of the constitution and of government of this state as are repugnant to the same, have a second reading on the 11th instant.