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Legislature of Maryland.

SKETCH OF PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

MONDAY, January 27, 1806.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The resolution authorising congress to prevent the importation of slaves, and the resolution in favour of Ariana French, were sent to the senate. Mr. Hawkins delivers the journal of accounts; which was read and assented to. Leave given to bring in a bill for the payment of the journal of accounts.

Mr. Hawkins delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; which was read the first and second time, passed, and, with the journal of accounts, sent to the senate.

That the bill to extend further the powers of the clerks of the several counties of this state, now have a second reading? The question was put, That the same be referred to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 27, nays 24.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill appropriating a sum of money for the erection of a penitentiary, endorsed, "will not pass." The bill appointing commissioners to lay out a new town of Nottingham, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the commissioners of the town of Havre-de-Grace; which was read the first and second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Shaaff delivers a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, against the petitioners; which was read and unanimously concurred with.

The engrossed bills Nos. 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 98, 99, 101, 102, 103, 104 and 109, were severally read and assented to, and, with the paper bills thereof, sent to the senate.

Mr. Shaaff delivers a report on the memorial of Benjamin Harwood, in his favour; which was read and the resolution therein assented to.

Mr. Shaaff delivers a report on the petition of David Barclay and John Lloyd, of London, against the petitioners; which was read and concurred with.

A message was sent to the senate, proposing to proceed immediately to the election of two directors in the Farmers Bank, with a resolution therein regulating the manner of said election, nominating Reverdy Ghiselin, Jacob Gibson, John Chalmers, William Hayward and James Williams, and appointing Mr. Chapman and Mr. Montgomery to join in the examination of the ballots.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the resolution relative to St. John's college, and the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the first day of June next? Determined in the negative.

After amending said resolution, the question was put, That the house assent to the same? Resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 30—Nays 29.

The resolution respecting certain bills of exchange were sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution respecting the importation of slaves, endorsed, "assented to with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was agreed to. The resolution in favour of Samuel Moale, endorsed, "assented to." And a message, proposing to go immediately into the appointment of a person as register of wills for Worcester county, nominating Matthew Hopkins and Robert J. H. Handy, and appointing Mr. Williams and Mr. Thomas to join in counting the ballots; which was read. And the engrossed bills (as before mentioned,) with the paper bills thereof, severally endorsed, "read and assented to."

A message requesting a reconsideration of the resolution in favour of Henry Gassaway was sent to the senate.

The resolutions relative to St. John's and Washington colleges were sent to the senate.

A message was sent to the senate, agreeing to proceed immediately to the election of a register of wills for Worcester county, and appointing Mr. Hyland and Mr. Contee to join in counting the ballots.

Mr. Scott delivers a report on the petition of Martha Rafin, in her favour; which was read and the resolution therein assented to.

A message was received from the senate, agreeing to proceed immediately to the election of two directors in the Farmers Bank, assenting to the resolution on that subject, and appointing Mr. Ringgold and

Mr. Brown to join in the examination of the ballots; which was read.

A message was sent to the senate, requesting them to reconsider the bill appropriating a sum of money to the erection of a penitentiary.

The house proceeded to the election of directors in the Farmers Bank of Maryland, and upon examining the ballots it appeared, that William Hayward and John Chalmers were elected, and they were accordingly declared directors in the Farmers Bank of Maryland on the part of this state for the ensuing year.

Mr. Watts delivers a report on the petition of William M'Comas; which was read and concurred with.

The house proceeded to ballot for a register of wills for Worcester county, and on examining the ballots it appeared, that Matthew Hopkins had a majority of votes; he was accordingly recommended to be commissioned as register of wills for Worcester county.

The clerk of the senate delivers the journal of accounts, endorsed, "assented to." The bill for the payment of the accounts, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And a message, proposing to proceed immediately to the appointment of a person as register of wills for St. Mary's county, in the room of Edmund Key, nominating Philip Ford and appointing Mr. Boulton and Mr. Thomas to join in counting the ballots, which was read.

A message was sent to the senate, proposing to meet at 5 o'clock for the purpose of signing and sealing the laws, also a message agreeing to proceed immediately to the appointment of a register of wills for St. Mary's county, naming James Forrest for that office, and appointing Mr. Plater and Mr. Stephen to join in counting the ballots.

The house then proceeded to ballot, and upon examining the ballots it appeared, that there were found more ballots in the boxes than were endorsed thereon.

Resolved, That the thanks of this house be given to the speaker, for his impartiality and attention in the discharge of the duties of speaker during the session.

The bill to establish a bank at Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, by the name of the Western Bank of Maryland, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative—Yeas 15—Nays 40.—sent to the senate.

A message was received from the senate, proposing to ballot a second time for register of wills for St. Mary's county.—there appearing on the first ballot to be more ballots in the boxes than there were attending members when the boxes were sealed.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

THE house met.

The clerk of the senate delivers the engrossed bill No. 116, with the paper bill thereof, endorsed, "read and assented to;" which was read and assented to, and sent to the senate.

The amendments to the bill to confirm certain acts of magistrates, &c. and the amendment to the bill for the benefit of the corporation of the Roman catholic clergymen, were agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, that the further consideration of the bill to open, improve and turnpike, the road from Williams's Port, in Washington county, to Cumberland, in Allegany county, be referred to the next general assembly? The question was put, That the house adjourn until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 28, 1806.

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

The engrossed bills Nos. 100, 108, 111, 112, 113 and 115, were read and assented to, and, with the paper bills thereof, sent to the senate.

A message was sent to the senate, to proceed immediately to a new ballot for a register of wills for St. Mary's county.

The clerk of the senate delivers the engrossed bills above mentioned, with the paper bills thereof, severally endorsed, "read and assented to."

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Thomas Bayly, Esq; one of the delegates from Somerset county, or to his order, seven dollars, for two days attendance, and to John Cottman, Esq; a delegate from the same county, twenty-one dollars; for six days attendance, which sums have been omitted to be allowed them in the journal of accounts.

The house proceeded to ballot for a register of wills for St. Mary's county, and on examination it appeared, that James Forrest had a majority of votes.—He was accordingly declared duly elected.

On the second reading of the report on the petition of Samuel Chase, the question was put, That the fur-

ther consideration of the same be referred to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 35—Nays 18.

The engrossed bills, Nos. 110, 114, 117, 118 and 119, were read and assented to, and, with the paper bills thereof, sent to the senate.

Ordered, That the supplement to the act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and the bill to open, improve and turnpike, the road leading from Williams's Port, in Washington county, to Cumberland, in Allegany county, be referred to the next general assembly.

The amendments to the further additional supplement to the act to direct deficiencies were agreed to, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the engrossed bills Nos. 110, 114, 117, 118 and 119, with the paper bills thereof, severally endorsed, "read and assented to."

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the examiner of the said shore, the sum of one hundred and thirty-three pounds seven shillings and ten-pence three farthings, to complete his salary for the year eighteen hundred and five.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolutions relative to certain bills of exchange, the resolutions in favour of Martha Rafin and Henry Gassaway, and the resolution relative to St. John's and Washington colleges, severally endorsed, "assented to." And the resolution in favour of Thomas Bayly, &c. endorsed, "assented to." Also a letter from the executive, enclosing certain resolutions of the state of Georgia, respecting an amendment to the constitution of the United States, proposed by the legislature of North-Carolina. A message, declining to reconsider the bill appropriating money to build a penitentiary, and a message, refusing to reconsider the resolution in favour of Henry Gassaway; which were read.

A resolution applying 20,000 dollars towards the erection of a penitentiary, was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a report on the resolutions of Kentucky; which was read, and the resolutions therein assented to, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the said resolutions, endorsed, "dissented from." The resolution relative to the penitentiary, and the resolution in favour of the western shore examiner, severally endorsed, "assented to." And a message proposing to have the laws signed and sealed immediately, and to adjourn till the first Monday in September.

A message was sent to the senate, agreeing to meet in the senate chamber to sign and seal the laws, and notifying their adjourning to the first Monday in October next.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Thomas Johnson, from the senate, acquaint the speaker that the governor is waiting in the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bills, and request the attendance of this house for that purpose.

The speaker left the chair, and, attended by the members of this house, went to the senate, and saw the governor sign the engrossed bills, and affix the great seal thereto. [See the list published in last week's Gazette.]

The house adjourns till the first Monday in October next.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY.

At a meeting of the trustees of the institution for the education of youth in the city of Washington, established under an act of the city council, held in the beginning of August, THOMAS JEFFERSON, Esquire, was unanimously chosen president of the board. The election having been made known to him by Mr. ROBERT BRENT, chairman of the board, by letter directed to him at Monticello, Mr. Jefferson made the following reply:— [Nat. Intel.]

Monticello, August 14th, 1805.

SIR,

A considerable journey southwardly from this has prevented my sooner acknowledging letters from yourself, from Mr. Gardiner and Mr. S. H. Smith, announcing that I had been elected by the city council a trustee for the public schools to be established at Washington, and by the trustees to preside at their board. I receive with due sensibility these proofs of confidence from the city council and the board of trustees, and ask the favour of you to tender them my just acknowledgements. Sincerely believing that knowledge promotes the happiness of man; I shall ever be disposed to contribute my endeavours towards its extension, and in the instance under consideration will willingly undertake the duties proposed to me, so far as others of paramount obligation will permit my attention to them.

I pray you to accept my friendly salutations and assurances of great respect and esteem.

TH: JEFFERSON.

Robert Brent, Esq.