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SKETCH OF PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

THURSDAY, November 13, 1806.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Forwood, Mr. Little and Mr. Shaaff. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Mitchell delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorizing John Evans, James Cockran and Joseph Phillips, securities of Samuel Couden, late sheriff of Cecil county, to complete the collections of said sheriff; which was read.

The bill to lay out and open a public road in Hopkins's Neck, in Talbot county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Hebb delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal, such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Saint-Mary's county into electoral districts; which was read.

Mr. Philip Stuart, a delegate from Charles county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. M'Pherson delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the amendment of the law in certain cases; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill supplementary to the act to provide for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein.

A petition from sundry minors of Worcester county, by their guardians and friends, praying that persons committing trespass on the timber in Pocomoke river swamp, who have no property, may be subject to corporal punishment, was preferred, read, and referred.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying a person may be appointed in each county as inspector of all public offices therein, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. White delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of building a mill in Worcester county; which was read.

A petition from Thomas Jackson and Henry Haskins, of Dorchester county, praying the treasurer may be authorized to credit their bond for a deficiency in land purchased by them, was preferred, read, and referred.

Leave given to bring in an additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying execution, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

The following resolution was read:

Whereas large sums of money have been expended by the state in repairing the government-house and its appertinances, and in furnishing the same: And whereas the property of the state in the said house, as also the enclosures, are annually exposed to the depredations of certain evil disposed persons, thereby occasioning a great expence to the state; therefore Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, annually to appoint such person as they may think proper, whose duty it shall be to protect from injury, as well the public property in the said house, as also the enclosures, and to keep the same in constant repair; provided always, that the person by the executive appointed as aforesaid shall be responsible for all loss or damage that may happen to the public property aforesaid, during the absence of the governor, and before the appointment of another; and the governor and council are hereby further authorized and empowered, annually to allow such person, so employed by them as aforesaid, such sum of money for his services as they may think adequate, not exceeding the sum of _____ dollars, to be paid out of any appropriated money in the treasury.

Leave given to bring in a bill for the regulation of officers fees.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, November 14, 1806.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Little appeared in the house. Mr. Brice Selby, a delegate from Montgomery county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

A petition from the president and directors of the Mechanic's Bank in Baltimore, praying to be incorporated, a petition from Thomas Poteet, of Harford county, praying a law authorizing the levy court to levy money as a compensation to him for building a gaol,

and a petition from Gabriel J. Mattingly of Saint-Mary's county, praying a law to confirm his title to land conveyed to him by his wife, were severally preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Smoot delivers a report on the petition of Thomas Jackson and Henry Haskins, in their favour; which was read.

A petition from Richard G. Hardesty, of Prince-George's county, praying a special act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred.

The bill authorizing a lottery for raising a sum of money for the use and benefit of the charitable marine society of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The following resolution was read:

Resolved, That — next be the time appointed for choosing a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States in the place of the honourable Robert Wright, Esquire, elected governor; that the said senator shall be a resident of the eastern shore of the state of Maryland, and that the person having a majority of the ballots of all the attending members of both houses of the legislature be declared to be duly elected to represent this state in the senate of the United States; and that a commission issue to the said senator, appointed as aforesaid, signed by the governor for the time being, or in his absence by the presiding member of the council, in the following words, to wit: "The state of Maryland to _____, Greeting: The legislature of Maryland reposing especial confidence in your integrity and abilities, have appointed you senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States until the fourth day of March, 1807. Given under my hand, and the seal of this state, this _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six, and in the thirty-first year of the independence of the United States of America."

Mr. Jump delivers a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the going at large of swine in the village of Hillsborough, in Caroline county, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Sudler delivers a report on the petition of Stephen Yoe, in his favour; which was read.

Mr. Blake delivers a report on the petition of Edward Reynolds, in his favour; which was read.

Mr. Harryman and Mr. Davis have leave of absence. A message was sent to the senate in the following words:

We have appointed Mr. Kerr, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Sudler, Mr. M'Pherson and Mr. Martin, a committee on the part of this house, to join such gentlemen as may be appointed by you, to form a committee of both houses to compare and examine all bills, from time to time during this session, as soon as they shall be severally engrossed.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, November 15, 1806.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Harryman and Mr. Davis. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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.

The bill for the benefit of William, Mary, Elizabeth, Levin and Britannia Murphy, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

We have appointed Mr. Partridge, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Gibson and Mr. M'Elderry, on the part of the senate, to join the gentlemen named by you in your message, to compare and examine the engrossed bills. Which was read.

The following order was read: Ordered, That the mode of receiving messages from the senate, as now practised, be discontinued, and that in future it shall not be necessary to announce a message from that branch of the legislature, when brought by the clerk.

And the question put, Will the house now give the same a second reading? Resolved in the affirmative.

Which being read the second time, the question was put, Will the house agree to the same? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Aisquith delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the stockholders in the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore; which was read.

The bill to authorize the securities of Samuel Couden, late sheriff of Cecil county, to complete the collections of said sheriff, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from Francis Fairbrother, of Anne-Arundel county, stating that he was wounded in the army, and praying assistance, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. W. H. Brown delivers a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance to jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several county and orphans courts in this state; which was read.

The bill authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of building a mill in Worcester county, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the amendment of the law in certain cases, was read the second time, amended, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from Sophia Davis, of Worcester county, praying that Susanna Davis, her mother, may be supported out of the poor-house, was preferred, read, and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

The senate, regarding the establishment of county schools as an object of primary consideration, and believing that the situation and wishes of the people of this state seriously call on their legislature to provide, at their present session, some system of education, which, by offering to all classes of society a more economical and accessible mode of educating their children than now does, or has hitherto existed in this state, will be the means of encouraging literature, and disseminating learning more generally; propose that a joint committee should be appointed to investigate this important subject, and to report what system would be most likely to produce those valuable purposes. We are further induced to propose a conference on so interesting a measure, when we reflect, that should the senate be of opinion that appropriations of money in the treasury, as contemplated by the act of 1805, should be made for the support and establishment of schools, they are constitutionally precluded, (how wisely it does not now remain with them to say) from originating a bill containing a provision of that nature, and should a bill making such appropriations originate in your house, we are restrained from all alteration and amendment, and will be restricted to the alternative of a total rejection or adoption of the same, in the manner in which it was passed by you. The sentiments of the two branches of the legislature, we conceive, would be communicated more readily and satisfactorily in conference than by any other manner. Under those impressions, and supposing you will readily concur with our proposition, we have named Mr. Partridge, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Williams, a committee on the part of the senate, to meet such gentlemen as you may please to appoint for that purpose.

A petition from Anthony Fox, of Anne-Arundel county, praying to be placed on the pension list, was preferred, read, and referred.

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, November 17, 1806.

THE house met. Present as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Richard K. Watts, a delegate from Montgomery county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat. Mr. Hanson and Mr. Gleaves have leave of absence.

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

A petition from Catharine Dimmitt, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be divorced from her husband, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. White delivers a report on the petition of sundry minors, by their guardians, against granting their prayer; which was read and concurred with.

The bill to alter, change and repeal, such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Saint-Mary's county into electoral districts, was read the second time and passed.

A petition from William Rickard, and a petition from John Figg, of Montgomery county, praying a law to confirm their titles to certain property, were severally preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Waters delivers a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act for regulating the mode of staying execution, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes; which was read.

A petition from James Crookshanks, of Kent county, praying a special act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred.

On the second reading of the resolution relative to the choice of a senator of the United States, the question was put, That the first blank therein be filled up with the words "Wednesday week next?" Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the said blank be filled up with the words "Friday next?" Resolved in the affirmative.