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Legislature of Maryland.

SKETCH OF PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 1806.

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

Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act authorizing Thomas Bailey, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collection, and for other purposes.

The bill to compel justices of the peace to take cognizance of persons retailing spirituous liquors without licence in the recess of court, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Winder delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act authorizing Thomas Bailey, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collection, and for other purposes, which was read the first and second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion, the question was put, That the consideration of the bill to punish blasphemers, swearers, drunkards and sabbath breakers, be referred to the first day of June next? Resolved in the affirmative—yeas 33, nays 24.

Mr. Aisquith delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorizing the extension of the Falls turnpike road towards the line of the state of Pennsylvania; which was read.

Ordered, That the same have a second reading on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the bill authorizing the state, under certain restrictions, to become a stockholder in the Chesapeake and Delaware canal, have a second reading on Saturday next.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the report on the memorial of the commissioners appointed to superintend the erection of a penitentiary, and the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be postponed? Resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from Samuel Welsh, of Baltimore county, praying a special act of insolvency, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel, Montgomery and Prince-George's counties, praying that a bridge may be erected across Patuxent river at or near the mill of John Crow, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Harryman delivers a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of William Booth and Jane Booth; which was read.

Mr. Harryman delivers a report on the petition of George Fitzhugh, in his favour; which was read.

Mr. R. Steuart delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the sheriffs of the several counties of this state; which was read.

A petition from Robert C. Stone, and others, praying that a sum of money paid by their father on lands in Allegany county may be refunded to them, was preferred, read, and referred.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill for the encouragement of learning in this state, and after amending the same, adjourned till to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, December 18, 1806.

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

Petitions from Andrew Price and John Cumming, of the city of Baltimore, praying special acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred.

The bill to change the place of holding the election in the first election district of Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from Thomas Grubb, and others, of Cecil county, praying a road from the Bald Eriar, hill to the state line, and a petition from Thomas Poteet, of Harford county, praying a jury may review and ascertain the damages done by a certain road, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Hodges delivers a bill, entitled, An act to provide for recording and transcribing certain records and papers in the register's office of Prince-George's county; which was read the first and second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of Nicholas Leaman, and the resolution relative to the propositions of Kentucky, severally endorsed "assented to." The supplement to an act authorizing Thomas Bailey, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collections, and the bill to alter, change and repeal, such parts of the

constitution and form of government as relate to the division of St. Mary's county into electoral districts, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from Benjamin Oden and John Hodges, of Thomas, of Prince-George's county, praying a law authorizing them to sell and convey a parcel of land, late the property of James Hodges, deceased, and a petition from Nathaniel Rochester, late sheriff and collector of Washington county, praying further time to complete his collections, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Bowles delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorizing Nathaniel Rochester, late sheriff and collector of Washington county to complete his collection; which was read the first and second time and passed.

Mr. Moffit delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road from the Pennsylvania line to the Susquehanna canal, in Cecil county; which was read.

A petition from the trustees of the poor of Dorchester county, praying compensation for their services, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Bruce delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out, open and improve, the road leading from Hancock, in Washington county, to Cumberland, in Allegany county; which was read.

According to order, the house proceeded to the second reading of the bill for opening Pratt-street, in the city of Baltimore, and after hearing counsel at the bar for and against the same, adjourned till to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, December 19, 1806.

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

The bill authorizing Nathaniel Rochester, late sheriff and collector of Washington county, to complete his collection, was sent to the senate.

Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire engine, and to purchase ground and build a school-house, in Rockville, in Montgomery county.

A petition from Samuel Moale, trustee of Mark Alexander, praying that the treasurer may be directed to pay him a sum of money deposited in the treasury by said Alexander, was preferred, read, and referred.

The bill to lay out and open a road near the Three Bridges, in Caroline county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Williams delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter, change and amend, a road in Anne-Arundel county; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, and the bill to provide for recording and transcribing certain records and papers in the register's office of Prince-George's county, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill concerning the chancery court, and the bill authorizing the proprietors of the French-town and Newcastle water and land stages to open a road, &c. severally endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read.

Mr. Hodges delivers a report on the petition of Rinaldo Johnson and Elisha Berry, in their favour; which was read.

Mr. Hebb has leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill for the opening of Pratt-street in the city of Baltimore, and after hearing counsel at the bar in favour of the extension, the question was put, That the further consideration of said bill be referred to the first day of June next; Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 49, nays 24.

The following resolutions were read. Resolved, That the senators of this state in the congress of the United States, be and they are hereby requested, to use their utmost efforts and endeavours to prevent the passage of a law in congress for erecting a bridge from the city of Washington across the Patowmack river, as being destructive of the free navigation of that river, guaranteed by the solemn compact entered into between Virginia and Maryland, as highly disadvantageous and injurious to the substantial interests of a large part of this state, and on the ground that no manifest impetuous public good at this time, and in the present state of the population of the city of Washington, or the district, demands such a sacrifice on the part of Maryland.

Resolved, That the governor be and he is hereby requested to forward a copy of the above resolution to our senators in congress.

The report on the petition of Thomas Jackson and Henry Haskins was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

A petition from Thomas Coward, of Talbot county, praying compensation for his land whereon Oxford warehouse stands, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Callis delivers a bill, entitled, An act to make public a road in Prince-George's county; which was read the first and second time and passed.

Mr. Comegys delivers a bill, entitled, An act to compel the vestry of Shrewsbury parish, in Kent county, to fulfil the contracts and engagements of the former vestry; which was read.

The further supplement to an act for the relief of the poor in Talbot county, was read the second time and passed.

Leave given to bring in a bill to prevent persons from retailing spirituous liquors within a certain distance of any place of religious worship, except as is therein excepted.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, December 20, 1806.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday; except Mr. Hebb. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The resolution in favour of Thomas Jackson and Henry Haskins, the bill to make public a road in Prince-George's county, and the further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in Talbot county, were sent to the senate.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying a road from Henry Copper Smith's to Graceham, and a petition from Richard Butler, of Frederick county, praying to be allowed the depreciation of pay due him as late deputy-quartermaster, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Gale has leave of absence. A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick and Washington counties, praying a public road from Hagar's-town to Frederick-town, and a petition from Elizabeth Webster, of Baltimore county, praying she may be authorized to dispose of a legacy given to her were severally preferred, read, and referred.

Applications from the president and managers of the Baltimore and Frederick turnpike company, praying that the state may subscribe to the capital stock of said company, was preferred and read.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from Philip Reed, Esquire, accepting his appointment as senator in the senate of the United States; which was read. The resolution in favour of John C. Bond, endorsed "assented to with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read and agreed to. The resolution in favour of William Amos, endorsed, "assented to." And the bill to provide a direct mode by which information shall be conveyed to persons appointed to office by the executive, endorsed, "will not pass."

The resolutions relative to the act of congress for building a bridge across Patowmack river, were read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The supplement to an act relative to the administration of justice in this state, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to alter, change and amend, a road in Anne-Arundel county, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. B. Hodges delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Hodges and Eleanor Hodges, the infant children of James Hodges, late of Prince-George's county, deceased; which was read the first and second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Sturgis delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of holding the county court in Worcester county; which was read.

The report on the memorial of Benjamin Harwood was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith, and assent to the resolutions therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative—yeas 46, nays 18.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution relative to a bridge across Patowmack river, endorsed "assented to." The bill to change the place of holding the election in the first election district of Baltimore county, endorsed "will not pass." And the following message.

The senate having finished all the business before them, and being of opinion that there is a disposition in both branches of the legislature to close the session as soon as can be done consistent with the discharge of the public business, propose to rise on Saturday next. We flatter ourselves that this proposition will not only be agreeable to you, but is justified by a fair proportion; that all the business of the session may be conveniently finished by that time. Which was read.

A letter from the council, praying a compensation for arranging the papers in the council chamber, was preferred, read, and referred.

The following rule was read and assented to: