

That on all questions of reference or postponement, a discussion of the merits of the subject before the house shall be permitted.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Harford counties, praying a road from the state line to Towson's tavern, was preferred, read and referred.

Mr. Ward delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Cambridge, in Dorchester county, and to establish and regulate a market in said town; which was read.

A petition from Gabriel Thomas, praying a special act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred.

The bill for the relief of the representatives of George Sharky, of Washington county, was read the second time and passed.

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, December 22, 1806.

THE house met. Present as on Saturday, except Mr. Gale. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The resolutions relative to bills of exchange, the bill for the relief of the representatives of George Sharky, and the bill to alter, change and amend, a road in Anne-Arundel county, were sent to the senate.

Ordered, That the bill for the relief of the sheriffs of the several counties of this state, have a second reading on Wednesday next.

The bill to enable the trustees of the Roman catholic church in the city of Baltimore to purchase a piece of ground therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Leave given to bring in a bill relating to orphans.

The further supplement to the act for erecting a village in Caroline county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Leave given to bring in a bill vesting certain powers in the congress of the United States, and a bill to prevent duelling.

The further additional supplement to an act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Comegys has leave of absence.

Mr. Little delivers a report on the memorial of John S. Smith, and others, against the memorialists; which was read and concurred with.

The following message was read:

We propose to proceed immediately to the election of two directors on the part of this state in the Farmers Bank of Maryland. — are put in nomination by this house. Mr. — and Mr. — are appointed by the house of delegates to join the gentlemen to be appointed by you in the examination of the ballots; and to regulate the manner of said election, we have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the two directors to be appointed on the part of this state in the Farmers Bank of Maryland be elected by ballot, one of whom shall be a resident of the city of Annapolis, or of Anne-Arundel county, upon the western shore, and the other a resident of the town of Easton, or Talbot county, upon the eastern shore; and that the person resident on the western shore as aforesaid, having a majority of ballots of all the attending members of both branches of the legislature, shall be a director of the Farmers Bank of Maryland, and the person resident on the eastern shore, having the majority of ballots of all the attending members of both branches of the legislature, shall be a director of the Branch Bank of the said Farmers Bank of Maryland; and the persons having a majority of ballots as aforesaid, shall be declared duly elected as aforesaid.

A petition from the congregation of Salem's church, in Washington county, praying that part of the land belonging to said church may be sold for the benefit thereof, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Forwood delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open an old road in Harford county; which was read.

Mr. Merriken delivers a bill, entitled, An act to prevent persons from retailing spirituous liquors within a certain distance of any place of religious worship, except as is therein excepted; which was read.

The following order was read and agreed to:

Ordered, That a committee be appointed, and with directions to lay before this house, with all convenient dispatch, the most eligible plan for the disposal or appropriation of the surplus money now in the treasury or that may come into it during the next year.

Ordered, That Mr. Bruce, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Winder, Mr. Little, Mr. Bowles, Mr. Belt and Mr. Harryman, be a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Beall delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act for the more effectual collection of the county charges in — county; which was read.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill relating to the equity jurisdiction of the several county courts of this state, and after amending the same, the question was put, That the further consideration of the said bill be referred to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative—yeas 33, nays 31.

The following order was read:

Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An act relating to the equity jurisdiction of the several county courts of this state, be published with the votes and proceedings of this general assembly, for the consideration of the people.

A memorial from the president, managers and company, of the Baltimore and Reisterstown turnpike road, counter to the peti-

tion of the president and managers of the Baltimore and Reisterstown turnpike road company, was preferred, read, and referred.

The report on the petition of George Fitzhugh was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur with the said report, and assent to the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. P. Stuart delivers a report on the petition of Robert C. Stone, and others, in their favour; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of Thomas Jackson and Henry Haskins, endorsed "assented to." The bill authorising Nathaniel Rochester, late sheriff and collector of Washington county, to complete his collection, the bill to make public a road in Prince-George's county, the bill to compel the justices of the peace to take cognizance of persons selling spirituous liquors without licence in the recess of court, and for other purposes, the bill to lay out and open a road near the Three Bridges, in Caroline county, and the supplement to the act for the relief of the poor in Talbot county, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the supplement to an act relative to the administration of justice in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, endorsed "will not pass."

Mr. Little delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Elizabeth Webster, of the city of Baltimore; which was read.

Mr. Bowles delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the congregation of Salem's church, in Washington county; which was read.

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

Ordered, That the resolution relative to the Reisterstown turnpike road have a second reading on Wednesday next.

Mr. Porter delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road from the Bald Friar ferry, on the Susquehanna river, to the Pennsylvania line; which was read.

Ordered, That the report on the memorial of the governor and directors of the Susquehanna canal, and the bill authorising the state, under certain restrictions, to become a stockholder in the Chesapeake and Delaware canal, have a second reading on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the resolution relative to the penitentiary have a second reading to-morrow.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill for the encouragement of learning in this state, and after making some additions thereto, adjourned till to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, December 23, 1806.

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

The resolution in favour of George Fitzhugh, the bill to lay out and open a road in Washington county, and the further additional supplement to the act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, were sent to the senate.

A petition from Philip Barton Key, praying that the attorney general, or some other person, may be authorized to execute a deed to him for certain land, a petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, praying for a new bridge across Tuckahoe creek, a petition from Philemon Dawson, of the city of Baltimore, counter to the petition of Gabriel Thomas, and a petition from Simon Frize, of Baltimore county, praying a special act of insolvency, were severally preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Kuhn delivers a report on the petition of Richard Butler, in his favour; which was read.

A petition from William Jackson, of Caroline county, praying that a certain deed may be recorded, and a memorial from the trustees of Allegany county school, praying an increase of their donation, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Ward delivers a bill, entitled, An act relating to orphans; which was read.

A petition from William Hughlett, counter to the petition of William Jackson, a petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying for a road through the land of Sarah W. Polk, a petition from sundry inhabitants of North Sassafras, West Sassafras and Bohemia hundreds, in Cecil county, praying that hogs may not be permitted to go at large, a petition from Patrick M'Gill, of Anne-Arundel county, praying that the inspector at Elk-Ridge Landing may be directed to keep a seal, to be fixed to every sample of tobacco, a memorial from William Gwynn, of the city of Baltimore, praying that Baltimore county court may be directed to convey to him a certain lot, on his paying for the same, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, praying a change in the place of holding the election for the fourth district, were severally preferred, read, referred.

The report on the petition of Rinaldo Johnston was read the second time, and, on motion, the question was put, That the resolution therein contained be stricken out? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the said resolution? Determined in the negative.

The report on the memorial of Frederick Green was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur with the same, and assent to the order therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative—yeas 33, nays 29.

Mr. Bond and Mr. White have leave of absence.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill for the encouragement of learning in this state, and after

making several amendments thereto, the question was put, That the said bill be recommitted to the consideration of a special committee? Resolved in the affirmative, and Mr. Chapman, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Sudler, Mr. Watts, Mr. Little, Mr. Winder, and Mr. Kerr were appointed by ballot a committee for the purpose.

The bill to compel the vestry of Shrewsbury parish, in Kent county, to fulfil the contracts and engagements of the former vestry, was read the second time and passed.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick town, in Cecil county, praying a law may pass to prevent swine and geese from going at large in said town, was preferred, read, and referred.

The bill to compel justices of the peace to return all recognizances taken before them, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Kerr delivers a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act for erecting a town in Talbot county, and to the act for the regulation and improvement of Easton; which was read.

The bill to stop up, enclose and improve, a ten foot alley in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Forwood delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act to lay out and make a public road from the Black house, in Harford county, to the Pennsylvania line; which was read the first and second time and passed.

The amendments to the bill authorising the proprietors of the French-town and Newcastle water and land stages to open a road, &c. were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Harryman delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising the levy court of Baltimore county to levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Kerr delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to appoint a wreck-master for Worcester county; which was read.

The bill to authorize and empower the commissioners of the city of Baltimore to alter and extend the streets therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Sudler and Mr. Bruce, be appointed a committee to examine the state of the records in the land-office for the western shore, and make report to this house.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

Capt. Pierce of the brig Hannah, who arrived at Boston from St. Ubes, informs, that a British fleet still continues to cruise off Lisbon. It was reported that the French had threatened war against the Portuguese if the British men of war were suffered to remain in port; and they consequently put to sea. There were some fears that the French and Spaniards would take possession of Portugal. It was not expected that any resistance would be made.

We learn by the sloop Penelope, that the blacks of Hispaniola are about to establish a government similar to that of the United States. Christophe was expected to be the first president. The members of congress were soon to be elected.—[N. Y. paper.]

Mr. Scull. The departure of several young men for New-Orleans, at this particular crisis, has created a variety of improper suspicions and surmises—you will please to state to the public, that those young men stand pledged to their friends and the world that they have no improper, lawless, or treasonable object in view; and that they will not engage in an act or enterprise which may not be deemed honourable and laudable. [Pittsburg paper.]

A Spanish privateer arrived at St. Jago on the 30th October, from Carthagena, brought intelligence that the English had taken Montevideo.

The king of Prussia (says a London paper) has fifteen garrisons in Silesia, seven of which may be considered impregnable, and the rest are very strongly fortified, and well officered.

It is stated in a respectable Dublin paper of the 7th October, that disturbances of a serious nature have broken out in the counties of Sligo, Leitrim and Mayo.—It is said that a number of persons assembled at night, who denominate themselves "Threshers" and commit the most violent outrages, destroy barns, &c. where any corn is deposited.

Mr. Choteau, with a party of the Ojage Indians, have arrived in Washington. Captain Lewis, accompanied by the Mandane chief, is also expected every day. [Washington Fed.]

Extract of a letter from Trinidad, dated Nov. 11. "Gen. Miranda arrived here on the 6th inst. in Melville sloop of war, from Barbadoes. From present state of affairs, it is probable he will remain here sometime—at least, until he hears the result of some dispatches sent to England, in September, from the island of Aruba. These dispatches were conveyed to the government schooner Pickle, the return of which may be looked for sometime in December. It is possible, however, the expedition may be again put in motion sooner than is now generally expected. The idea is derived from the strong appearance of several secret expeditions preparing by the British government—one of which, particularly, appears to be directed against the West-Indies.—It is the opinion of the most respectable here, that those troops are