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## Legislature of Maryland.

## SKETCH OF PROCEEDINGS.

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

SUNDAY, January 4, 1807.

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

The resolution authorizing desks for the house of delegates was sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the additional supplement to an act to provide for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The supplement to an act respecting the acknowledgment of deeds, endorsed "will not pass." The resolutions relative to the Farmers Bank, and the resolutions in favour of Robert C. Stone, and others, and John S. Brewer, severally endorsed "dissented from."

The resolution relative to the address to the president, and the resolution in favour of Charles Gordon, and others, severally endorsed "unanimously assented to." A message declining to reconsider the bill to lay out and make public a road in Charles county; which was read. Also the bill to make public a road in Charles county, endorsed "will not pass." And the engrossed bills from No. 31 to 61, inclusive, endorsed "read and assented to."

The following message was sent to the senate.

Having finished all the business before us, we propose, with your concurrence, to close the session immediately.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to increase the salary of the chief judge of the sixth judicial district of this state, and after proposing sundry alterations to said bill, the question was put, That it be referred to the first day of June next? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 28, nays 25.

The following resolution was read.

Whereas the duties imposed on the chief judge of the sixth judicial district are peculiarly arduous; therefore Resolved, that there be allowed to the chief judge of the sixth judicial district the sum of six hundred dollars, in addition to the sum now allowed him by law.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to provide for the making an alteration in the road therein mentioned, the bill making compensation to the clerks of the court of appeals, and the sheriff attending the said courts for the preservation of order therein, the bill authorizing the collection of certain ground-rents due on lots in the town of Cumberland, in Allegany county, the bill to prevent swine from going large in North Sassafras, West Sassafras and Boona hundreds, in Cecil county, the bill to prevent wine and geese going at large in Frederick-town, Cecil county, and the further supplement to an act to straighten part of the road in Harford county, which leads from Underhill's mill to the city of Baltimore, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The supplement to the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, endorsed "will not pass."

The resolutions in favour of Ninian Pinkney, John Brewer, Richard Butler, Samuel Moale, William Ferguson, and Joseph Howard, and others, severally endorsed "dissented from." And the resolution relative to the land-office, endorsed "assented to."

The question was put, That the house reconsider the bill to ascertain and establish a permanent salary for the governor of this state? Resolved in the affirmative.

On the progression in reading thereof, the question was put, That the blank therein be filled up with the sum of four thousand? Determined in the negative. The question was then put on 3600, and resolved in the affirmative, yeas 29, nays 22;

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

The following resolution was assented to, and sent to the senate.

Resolved, That so much of the resolution which was passed during the present session of assembly, appropriating money for repairing and furnishing the government-house, as relates to furnishing the same, be and he is hereby rescinded.

The engrossed bills from No. 61 to 89, were read, and sent to the senate.

A motion, the question was put, That the house do with the 16th rule? The house being equal divided, it was declared in the affirmative by the yeas.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the resolution relative to the chief judge of the sixth district, and the question was put, That the said resolution be referred to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 33, nays 19.

The following resolution was read.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and required to subscribe, for and in behalf of this state, for — shares in the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, and for — shares in the Farmers Bank of Maryland, reserved for this state, and immediately pay to the president and directors of the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, and the Farmers Bank of Maryland the amount of the shares so respectively subscribed for.

On the second reading of the same, the question was put, That the word "shares in the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore" be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 45, nays 9.

The blank therein being filled up with "sixteen hundred," the question was put, That the house assent to the said resolution? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

The supplement to the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, with a message, requesting a reconsideration of said bill, was sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the journal of accounts, endorsed "assented to," and the bill for the payment thereof, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the resolution directing desks for the house of delegates, endorsed "assented to." The resolution referring the resolution relative to the government-house, endorsed "dissented from." And the bill to ascertain and establish a permanent salary to the governor, endorsed "will not pass." Also the following message.

We have received your message, informing us you have finished the business before you. We have nothing on our table to be acted on, but we would suggest the necessity of making, before we close the session, some useful investment of the money now in the treasury, this measure must originate with you; the subject is an important one, and we propose a conference of the two branches thereon, and supposing you will concur therewith, have named Mr. Partridge, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Gibson, a committee on the part of the senate, to join any gentlemen you may think proper to name.

Which was read.

The resolution in favour of Ninian Pinkney, with a message requesting a reconsideration thereof; was sent to the senate.

The following message was sent to the senate.

We have considered your message, proposing a conference on the subject of investing the unappropriated money in the treasury, and assenting thereto, have appointed Mr. Kerr, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Belt, on the part of this house, to join the gentlemen named by you to carry the object of the message into effect.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplement to the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, endorsed "upon reconsideration will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The engrossed bills from No. 62, to 89, inclusive, severally endorsed "read and assented to."

A message was read (requesting a reconsideration of the resolution in favour of John Brewer,) and the question put, That the house agree to the same? Determined in the negative.

The house adjourns till five o'clock P. M.

5 O'CLOCK P. M.

THE house met.

Mr. Chapman, from the committee of conference, delivers a report; which was read, and the resolution therein assented to, and sent to the senate.

A message, requesting a reconsideration of the resolution in favour of John S. Brookes, with said resolution, was sent to the senate.

The question was put, That the house adjourn? Determined in the negative.

The engrossed bills from No. 90, to 98, inclusive, were read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

A message was received from the senate, refusing to reconsider the resolution in favour of N. Pinkney. Also the resolution in favour of John S. Brookes, endorsed "on reconsideration assented to."

The question was put, That the house adjourn? Determined in the negative.

The following order was read:

Ordered, That the sergeant at arms arrest, in the name of the state, such person or persons who have opposed him, or any other officer of this house, or assaulted him, or them in any manner, in the discharge of their duty, and that the said sergeant summon to his aid such force as may be found necessary, and bring such person or persons before this house.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

MONDAY, January 5, 1807.

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

The following resolution was assented to, and sent to the senate.

Whereas the journal of accounts was ordered to be closed including Sunday last, and the business of the state has required the attendance of the members longer than was expected; therefore Resolved, that the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby required to pay to each member of the legislature attending on this day, two days allowance in addition to what was allowed on the journal of accounts, and also two days allowance to the officers of each house.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that a part of the criminals may be compelled to work on the Hagar's-town road, was preferred, read, and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the engrossed bills from No. 90 to 98, inclusive, severally endorsed "read and assented to." Also the following message.

We have negated your resolution directing the treasurer to subscribe for sixteen hundred shares in the Mechanics Bank of Maryland, which, according to the report of the joint committee of both houses, would take the whole of the money at this time in the treasury which can be, with certainty, invested. We conceive that the Frederick and Reister's-town turnpike roads to be objects which the best interests of the state demand our fostering hand and assistance. The Mechanics Bank, as also being an institution which promises aid and assistance to that valuable and important class of citizens, the Mechanics, we think also well entitled to the patronage of the state. If you will therefore originate resolutions in your house for investing the sums of forty thousand dollars in the Farmers Bank, ten thousand dollars in the Frederick turnpike, and ten thousand dollars in the Reister's-town turnpike roads, and twenty thousand dollars in the Mechanics Bank, they will meet the approbation of the senate. We seriously call to your attention the necessity of investing the money in the treasury in some safe and useful investment, and thereby prevent the loss that would result to the state by suffering such a sum to remain unemployed.

Which was read.

And the resolution relative to an investment in the Farmers Bank, endorsed, "dissented from."

The following message was agreed to, and sent to the senate:

All the business before us being acted on, we propose to close the session immediately.

Mr. Little delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to make and open a road in Baltimore county; which was, twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Robert Wright, junior, declaring he meant not to infringe the privileges or rules of decorum of the house by assaulting the officer thereof; which was read, and referred to the committee of grievances.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

We have also acted upon all the business before us, and propose to have the laws that have passed immediately signed and sealed by the governor. We have agreed to adjourn to the first Monday of November next.

Which was read. And the supplement to the act to make and open a road in Baltimore county, endorsed, "will not pass."

The following resolution was read the first and second time.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to subscribe for — shares in the Farmers Bank of Maryland, and for — shares in the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, and for — shares in the Baltimore and Frederick-town turnpike road, and for — shares in the Baltimore and Reister's-town turnpike road, and pay to the presidents and managers of the said companies the amount of the shares so subscribed.

And the question was put, That the first blank be filled up with the words "sixteen hundred?" Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 32 nays 23.

The following resolution was read.

Whereas various means have been proposed by this legislature for the disposal of the surplus money in the treasury without effect, and as it is necessary to dispose of it in some way whereby it may be productive of advancing the interest of the state; therefore Resolved, that the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase stock in the funds of the U. States to an amount not exceeding eighty thousand dollars, provided the same can be done on advantageous terms, of which the treasurer shall judge.