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LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MARYLAND.

WEDNESDAY, December 16, 1807.

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

The resolution in favour of Thomas Meredith, and the further supplement to an act for erecting a village at Choptank Bridge, in Caroline county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, were sent to the senate.

Mr. J. Williams delivers a bill, entitled, An act for recording certain wills in the register's office of Worcester county, and a bill, entitled, An act authorizing and directing the sales of certain lands lying in Worcester county, belonging to William Fleming, deceased; which were read.

A petition from John Wilkins, of Somerset county, praying to be released from the additional nine per cent. imposed on him by law, a petition from the Baltimore insurance company, praying to be authorized to invest their funds, or any part thereof, in shares of any chartered bank, in road stock, or in any other fund or stock, and a petition from the commissioners appointed by the act for establishing pilots, praying they may have authority to obtain evidence when holding court, and to be compensated for their services, were preferred, read, and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time of the meeting of the general assembly, and for other purposes.

The bill authorizing Robert Leatherbury, of Somerset county, to complete his collection; was read the second time and passed.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state; Mr. Shaaff in the chair. After sometime spent therein, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Shaaff reported, that the committee had taken into consideration the subject matter referred to them, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

The question was then put, That the committee have leave to sit again? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, December 17, 1807.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The speaker appeared in the house, and resumed the chair.

The bill authorizing Robert Leatherbury, of Somerset county, to complete his collection, was sent to the senate.

A petition from Notley Maddox, of Prince-George's county, praying to be compensated for certain services rendered as sheriff, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying that Zenas Wells may be compensated for building a bridge over Principio creek, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. T. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate an insurance company in Baltimore town; which was read.

Mr. Briscoe delivers a favourable report on the petition of George P. Hinckle; which was read.

The bill to extend further the powers of the levy court of Allegany county, relative to roads in said county, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Little delivers a bill, entitled, An act to change the place of holding the election in the first district of Baltimore county; which was read.

Petitions from Nathaniel Oldham and Abfalom Oldham, of Cecil county, praying a further time to complete their collections, a petition from Mary G. Handy, and others, of the city of Washington, praying they may be authorized to sell the real estate of their father, Isaac Handy, lying in Somerset county, and a petition from Joshua Howard, of Frederick county, praying for a road, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. T. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for founding a college in the city or precincts of Baltimore, by the name of Baltimore college; which was read.

Mr. W. H. Brown delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Martin Brown, an insolvent debtor of Saint-Mary's county; which was read.

On the second reading of the bill for opening and extending Pratt-street in the city of Baltimore, the question was put, That the further consideration of

the same be referred to the tenth day of November next? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 29, nays 27.

On motion, that the journal of the 14th of December be corrected. Ordered, That Mr. Winder, Mr. Shaaff and Mr. Hall, be a committee to examine the propriety and most proper mode of doing the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from the President of the United States, enclosing an address to the legislature of this state.

Ordered, That the same be placed on the journal at length. Also the bill to establish a public road in Prince-George's county, from Lansdale's Branch to intersect a road leading to Oystershell Landing, on Patuxent river, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Jackson delivers a favourable report on the petition of John Wilkins; which was read.

A petition from John M'Gandjell, of Harford county, praying a divorce, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Shaaff delivers the bill to incorporate a fire insurance company in the city of Baltimore, as amended; which was read.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state; Mr. Shaaff in the chair. After sometime spent therein, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Shaaff reported, that the committee had taken into consideration the subject matter referred to them, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

The question was then put, That the committee have leave to sit again? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, December 18, 1807.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hopewell appeared in the house.

Mr. T. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to quiet the possessions and fix the lines of the lots of ground fronting on the west side of Phillips-street, between Walls-street and Thames-street, in the city of Baltimore; which was read.

A petition from Mary Beske, of the city of Baltimore, praying a divorce, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Streett delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to alter the mode of collecting the county tax in Harford county; which was read.

Mr. Stevens delivers a favourable report on the petition of William Rose, and others; which was read.

A petition from Sarah M'Candle's, counter to the petition of John M'Candle's, a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying a certain road may be straightened, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of the eastern precincts of the city of Baltimore, praying a lottery for the purpose of building an evening market-house, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Hall delivers a bill, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned; which was read.

A petition from Buckler Bond, of Harford county, praying he may be compensated for building a bridge across Winter's Run, and a petition from the proprietors, and others interested in fisheries on the river Sulquehanna, stating that they suffer much damage by persons navigating boats through their seams, and coming to anchor in their fishing grounds, and praying remedy thereof, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. T. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorizing the Baltimore and Frederick-town turnpike road company to erect a toll-bridge over the Monocacy river, a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for amending, and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons, and a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Nathaniel L. Chew, Peter Miles and Robert Nesbit, of Baltimore county; which were read.

Mr. Callis delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of Mary Beske; which was twice read and concurred with.

A petition from James Cockran, collector of Cecil county, praying a further time to complete his collection, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Stewart delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorizing the drawing a lottery to defray the expense of building a masonic hall in the city of Baltimore; which was read.

The bill authorizing and directing the sale of certain lands in Worcester county, and belonging to William Fleming, deceased; was read the second time, and passed.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Bridge-street, in the precincts of Baltimore, praying that a certain brick-house may be condemned, was preferred, read, and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for founding a medical college in the city or precincts of Baltimore for the instruction of students in the different branches of medicine, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. Also the resolution in favour of Thomas Meredith, endorsed, "assented to." The resolutions in favour of Catherine Johnson, John Maloy, Eliza Hopkins and John Barnes, severally endorsed, "dissent from." And the following message:

We have rejected your resolution, proposing to levy on the inhabitants of Charles county a sum of money sufficient to pay for transcribing certain records therein mentioned, not because we are opposed to the object of the resolution, but because we doubt the mode of effecting that object novel and inexpedient in legislation.

We are of opinion that resolutions ought to be employed only to express facts and principles, and the opinions and purposes of the legislature, but cannot for a moment conceive, that the most valuable rights of our citizens were ever intended by the constitution to be affected by a mode of procedure which might be hidden from the people, and never be heard of by those on whom it was to operate, until they felt its effects.

Other weighty objections might be offered to levying taxes on the people by way of resolution, but we presume that they are unnecessary, and hope you will concur with us in opinion on this subject, and send us a bill embracing the object of the resolution.

Which was read.

Ordered, That the bill to provide for the discharge of insolvent debtors in Baltimore county, be recommitted for amendment.

Ordered, That the second reading of the report on the memorial of Jeremiah T. Chale, chief judge of the third judicial district, be postponed until Thursday next.

On motion, the question was put, That the resolution reserving money for county schools now have a second reading? Determined in the negative, yeas 15, nays 31.

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

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state; Mr. Shaaff in the chair. After sometime spent therein the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Shaaff reported the said bill, with amendments.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, December 19, 1807.

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

A petition from the managers of the Falls turnpike road company, praying a certain road may be laid out, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Streett delivers a bill, entitled, An act to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body; which was read.

A petition from Elizabeth Sherwood and Thomas Banning, of Talbot county, praying time to complete the collection of Hugh Sherwood, late sheriff, deceased, and a petition from Joseph Boyd, of Prince-George's county, praying a divorce, were preferred, read, and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill to authorize the levy court of Charles county to levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplement to the act to open and extend a road leading from Wilingham's bridge, at Prince's-Anne-town, in Somerset county, to the plantation of George Pollitt, deceased, until it intersects the road leading from Salisbury to Scovens's ferry, at the plantation of Joshua Morris, the further supplement to the act for erecting a village at Choptank bridge, in Caroline county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, the bill to lay out, straighten and confirm, a certain road in Harford county; the bill to prevent swine from going at large in the town of Belle-Air, in Harford county, the further supplement to the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors; the supplement to the act to lay out and make a public road from the Black House to the Pennsylvania line, in Harford county, and the bill to extend further the powers of the levy court of Allegany county, relative to roads in said county, and for other purposes, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the following message:

At this eventful crisis, when the most flagrant outrage upon the dignity and independence of our country