

Annapolis :

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1808.

Legislature of Maryland.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

WEDNESDAY, November 16, 1808.

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

A petition from Eam Miller, of Baltimore county, praying he may be authorized by law to shut up so much of the Elk Ridge Landing road as runs through his plantation; a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying for a road; a petition from sundry other inhabitants of said county, also praying for a road; and a petition from Solomon Scott, of Queen-Anne's county, praying he may be authorized to collect balances due him as late sheriff of said county; were severally preferred, read and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill to raise by lottery a sum of money for the purpose of building a school-house in the village of Denton, in Caroline county, and a bill rendering criminal the offences therein mentioned.

Mr. Stevens appears in the house.

Ordered, That in electing a director on the part of the state in the Bank of Baltimore for the ensuing year, the concurrence of a majority of the votes of all the attending members shall be requisite to every choice, and if it should appear, on counting the ballots, that no person has a majority in his favour of all the attending members, the house will immediately proceed to ballot again, and will continue balloting until such majority shall be obtained.

The house, according to order, proceeded to ballot for a director in the Bank of Baltimore, and on examining the ballots it appeared, that Alexander C. Hanson was elected, and was accordingly declared the director on the part of the state for the ensuing year in the Bank of Baltimore.

Mr. Bland delivers a bill, entitled, An act to permit certain forfeitures incurred under the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a fire insurance company in the city of Baltimore; which was read.

A petition from Vachel Burgess, of Anne-Arundel county, an officer in the late revolutionary army, praying relief, was preferred, read and referred.

Mr. Bland delivers a bill, entitled, An act for introducing a copious supply of wholesome water into the city of Baltimore; which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, November 17, 1808.

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

A petition from Thomas A. Digges, of Prince-George's county, praying that a certain road may be made public, was preferred, read and referred.

The following message was sent to the senate.

We have received your message suggesting the expediency of inquiring if any and what alterations are necessary in the laws regulating the election of members of congress. We have no objection to making the inquiry proposed, and have appointed Mr. John H. Thomas, Mr. Bland, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Stansbury and Mr. Sappington, on the part of this house, to form a committee, in conjunction with the gentlemen named by your house, for that purpose.

The following leave was read.

Leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state.

Mr. Chapman delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Garner, of Charles county, which was read.

A report from the trustees of Charlotte Hall school was read and referred.

Ordered, That the bill to repeal all such parts of the act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, as require each noncommissioned officer and private, liable to militia duty, to arm himself with a good and serviceable firelock, and for other purposes, have a second reading on to-morrow.

Ordered, That the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, have a second reading on to-morrow.

Leave given to bring in a bill to alter and amend the penal laws of this state.

Mr. S. Thomas and Mr. Ennalls have leave of absence.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, November 18, 1808.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. S. Thomas and Mr. Ennalls. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to make an appropriation for the purpose of purchasing arms for the militia of this state? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 41, nays 29, and a committee appointed for that purpose.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer of the western shore, stating that the 8 per cent. stock of the United States will be redeemed on the first of January next; which was read and referred.

A petition from Mary Connelly, of Anne-Arundel county, praying to be supported out of the poor house, was preferred, read and referred.

Mr. M'Mahon delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a

school in Allegany county, by the name of Allegany County School; which was read.

Mr. Belt delivers a favourable report on the petition of Vachel Burgess; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and a bill authorising the erection of gates on the public roads in the counties therein mentioned.

Ordered, That the commander in chief of the militia of this state be requested to take immediate measures to cause a report to be made to this house of the number and state of the public arms and accoutrements, and in whose companies the same are.

A petition from William Dawson, of Cecil county, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying to be placed on the pension list, was preferred, read and referred.

Mr. Young delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for building a school-house in the village of Denton, in Caroline county; which was read.

A petition from Robert Halkerstone, of Charles county, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying relief, and a petition from John Trueman, an old revolutionary officer, praying assistance, were preferred, read and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal part of an act of assembly therein mentioned.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, November 19, 1808.

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

A petition from the trustees of the male free-school of Baltimore, praying to be incorporated, was preferred, read and referred.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer of the western shore, suggesting the propriety of appointing an agent; which was read and referred.

Mr. Herbert delivers a bill, entitled, An act to make public a road in Prince-George's county; which was read.

Mr. J. H. Thomas delivers a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act of assembly therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Mitchell delivers a favourable report on the petition of William Dawson; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a further supplement to the act for the better regulation of apprentices.

A petition from Anne Willis, and others, of Frederick county, executors of Henry Willis, praying a sale made by them to John Giger, of part of the real estate of said Willis, may be confirmed, was preferred, read and referred.

A report from the trustees of Frederick county academy was read and referred.

The clerk of the council delivers a letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing a statement of arms delivered out to the militia, and his general orders in pursuance of the order of the house; which was read and referred.

Mr. M'Mahon delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to extend further the powers of the levy court of Allegany county relative to roads in said county, and for other purposes; which was read.

Leave given to bring in an additional supplement to the act for marking and bounding lands.

Mr. Stansbury delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the trustees of the male free-school of Baltimore; which was read.

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, November 21, 1808.

THE house met. Present as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. S. Thomas and Mr. Ennalls appeared in the house.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer of the eastern shore, enclosing his account current, with an account of receipts and expenditures, and a list of balances; which was read and referred.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the upper district of Dorchester county, praying the place of holding the election in said district may be changed; a petition from Mary Gwinn, of Frederick county, praying her marriage with Thomas Boylan may be annulled, and her marriage with John Gwinn confirmed; and a petition from Thomas J. Pattison, late sheriff of Dorchester county, praying further time to complete his collections; were severally preferred, read and referred.

The bill to incorporate the trustees of the male free-school of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, praying a repeal of the law prohibiting the going at large of swine and geese in the village of Denton, was preferred, read and referred.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state? Determined in the negative.

The supplement to the act 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.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

As the constitutional term for which one of the senators elected to represent this state in the senate of the United States will expire before the next annual meeting of the legislature of Maryland, and it is important that this state should be at all times fully represented in the legislature of the United States, we

propose, on Thursday next, with the concurrence of your house, to go into a joint ballot for the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States after the third day of March next.

Which was read.

The bill to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for building a school-house in the village of Denton, in Caroline county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion, the question was put, That a committee be appointed to prepare an answer to the resolution of the senate, relative to the appointment of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house proceeded to ballot for said committee, and upon examining the ballots it appeared, that Mr. Dorsey, Mr. J. H. Thomas and Mr. Carroll, were elected.

Mr. Frazier delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in the several counties therein mentioned, which was read.

Mr. Seth delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better regulation of apprentices; which was read.

Mr. Hopewell delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Benjamin Buckler, of St. Mary's county; which was read.

A petition from the representatives of Robert Young, late of St. Mary's county, deceased, praying the real estate of said Young may be divided or sold, was preferred, read and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill to alter and abolish all such part of the constitution and form of government relative to field-officers holding a seat in the general assembly of this state.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to extend further the powers of justices of the peace in this state? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 45, nays 20, and a committee appointed for that purpose.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, November 22, 1808.

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

The bill to make public a road in Prince-George's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Leave given to bring in a bill to amend the act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections.

A petition from John Scott, chief justice of the court of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery for the city and county of Baltimore, praying an increase of salary, and that the same may be paid quarterly out of the treasury, was preferred, read and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill for the appointment by the people of the justices of the levy courts in the several counties of this state.

A petition from Elizabeth Charlton and Mary Sims, of Frederick county, praying commissioners may be appointed to review a certain road; a petition from Jacob Bantz, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency; and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying a certain road may be widened and straightened; were severally preferred, read and referred.

The bill for the relief of John Garner, of Charles county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from Nathaniel Rochester, late sheriff and collector of Washington county, praying further time to complete his collections, was preferred, read and referred.

Mr. J. Thomas delivers a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage therein mentioned, being supplementary to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Gwinn, of Frederick county; which was read.

A petition from the vestry of the German evangelic lutheran congregation in and about Elizabeth-town, at St. John's church, in Washington county, praying a supplement to the law authorising a lottery for the benefit of said church, was preferred, read and referred.

Mr. Bowles delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising Nathaniel Rochester, late sheriff and collector of Washington county, to complete his collection; which was read.

A petition from Jacob Gettig, of the city of Baltimore, praying that the judges of Baltimore county may be authorised to release him from his debts without the assent of two thirds of his creditors, was preferred, read and referred.

Mr. Belt delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Connerly, of Anne-Arundel county; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a further supplement to the act for regulating the mode of staying executions, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes, and a bill to reduce the per diem of the judges and clerks of elections in Allegany county.

Mr. Downey delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of finishing the steeple of St. John's church, in Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, and for other purposes; which was read.

Mr. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying executions, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to voters, and qualifications of voters.