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The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, December 10, 1808.

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

The bill to lay out and straighten a road in Baltimore county, the supplement to the act to lay out and straighten a road in Baltimore county, the bill authorising Solomon Scott, late sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, to complete his collection, the bill to authorise the judges of Saint-Mary's county court to direct a division or sale of the real estate of Robert Young, the bill for the more effectual preservation of the breed of wild deer in Dorchester county, the resolution in favour of William D. Beall, and the resolutions disapproving of the resolutions of the legislatures of Virginia and Vermont, were sent to the senate.

The amendment to the bill to remit certain forfeitures incurred under the act to incorporate a fire insurance company in the city of Baltimore, was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the supplement to the act to incorporate the stockholders of the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, and after amending, and reading the same throughout, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, counter to the petition for a bridge over Susquehanna, was preferred, read and referred.

Mr. Bland delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of Helena Say; which was twice read and concurred with.

A petition from Richard Bond, of Baltimore county, praying to be supported out of the poor's house, was preferred, read and referred.

The report on the petition of Rachel Burgess was read the second time, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

Ordered, That the bill to authorise the county court of Prince-George's county to grant a commission to mark and bound the land therein mentioned, be recommitted for amendment.

The bill to establish and confirm certain acts done by persons holding offices of trust or profit under the government of the United States, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to tax bank stock in this state, and for other purposes? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 57, nays 24, and a committee appointed for that purpose.

Ordered, That the governor and council be requested to transmit to this house a statement of the salary allowed to the armorer at Frederick-town, and his accounts for the last year.

A petition from John Scott, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency; a petition from William Cockett, of Somerset county, praying his title to certain lands may be confirmed; a petition from Elizabeth Lansdale and Clement Brooke, of Prince-George's county, praying that part of the real estate of Isaac Lansdale, deceased, may be sold; and a petition from sundry inhabitants of the upper district of Dorchester county, praying an alteration in the place of holding the election, were severally preferred, read and referred, and, on motion, leave given to withdraw the said petitions.

Mr. Carroll delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the corporation of the Roman catholic clergymen; which was read.

Mr. Beall delivers a bill to authorise the county court of Prince-George's county to grant a commission to mark and bound the land therein mentioned, as amended; which was twice read, and passed.

The bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Worcester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, and the bill to authorise the levy court of Worcester county to levy annually a sum of money on the assessable property of said county for the use of Joseph Tilghman, his young child, and other afflicted children, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the support of Esther Jarman, and the bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill for the relief of Harriet G. Wynkoop, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered, That the communication from the executive, relative to the contingent expenses, be referred to the committee of claims.

Ordered, That the supplement to the act relating to the public roads of Talbot county, be recommitted.

The bill to authorise John Done to manumit a certain negro slave therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from George Churchman, of Cecil county, praying a patent may issue on the lot therein mentioned, and a petition from lieutenant John McCay, an old revolutionary officer, praying some relief, were preferred, read and referred.

A resolution, (in favour of John Wilkins and his securities,) was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's, Talbot and Caroline counties, praying a bridge over Tuckahoe creek, was preferred, read and referred.

Mr. Randall delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Baltimore county to levy and assess a sum of money for the support and maintenance of Richard Bond, and a bill, entitled, An act in favour of Elam Miller, of Baltimore county; which were read.

Mr. Bowles delivers a favourable report on the petition of William Keough; which was read.

The clerk of the council delivers a letter from the executive, enclosing a statement of the salary allowed to the armorer at Frederick-town, and his accounts for the last year; which were read and referred.

The bill for the benefit of Daniel Burch, and the bill for the relief of George Rutter, were read the second time, and passed.

Mr. Chapman delivers a favourable report on the petition of Robert Halkertone; which was read.

Mr. Baer delivers the following resolutions: Resolved, That persons be appointed in each county in this state, to view and inspect the books, records and papers, in the several public offices in their respective counties; that they have free access to the same, with power to swear any deputy clerk in the office, touching the records and entries; and that they, or a majority of them, report the state, order and condition thereof, to the next general assembly.

Resolved, That for the above purpose Messieurs _____ be and they are hereby appointed to report as aforesaid the state of the records and office papers of the several counties respectively.

Resolved, That for the performance of the several duties hereby required, reasonable compensation shall be made to the several persons appointed in virtue of the foregoing resolutions.

Which were read.

Mr. Porter delivers a bill, entitled, An act granting leave to the trustees of Lower West Nottingham congregation, in Cecil county, and their successors, to receive a deed or deeds for, and hold, the lands therein mentioned; which was read.

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, December 12, 1808.

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

The bill for the relief of George Rutter, the bill for the benefit of Daniel Burch, and the bill to authorise the county court of Prince-George's county to grant a commission to mark and bound the land therein mentioned, were sent to the senate.

A petition from the trustees of the poor of Queen-Anne's county, praying that two thousand dollars may be levied on said county for the completion of the almshouse; a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying a further appropriation for building a bridge over Jones's Falls, on Centre-street; and a petition from Margaret Forbes, of the city of Baltimore, praying a divorce, were severally preferred, read and referred.

Mr. Baer delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of Thomas Noble Harwood; which was twice read and concurred with.

Mr. Bland delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to enlarge and improve the hospital in the vicinity of Baltimore, and for other purposes; which was read.

Mr. R. Stuart delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of Margaret Forbes; which was twice read and concurred with.

A report from the trustees of Washington academy, in Somerset county, was preferred, and read.

Petitions from the justices of the orphans court, and register of wills, of Washington county, praying a sum of money may be levied on said county for the purpose of building a house for said office and court, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Greensborough, in Caroline county, stating that they suffer much by the law prohibiting geese and swine going at large in said village, and praying relief, were preferred, read and referred.

The bill for the benefit of the corporation of the Roman catholic clergymen, was read the second time, and passed.

Mr. Wright delivers a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Cheller river; which was read.

According to order, the house proceeded to the second reading of the amendments proposed to the supplement to the act for regulating the mode of staying executions, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes, and the question was put, That the house accede to the 51st amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house accede to the 52d amendment? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 47, nays 17.

The question was then put, That the house agree to the 53d amendment? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to authorise the levy court of Prince-George's county to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Worcester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to authorise John Done to manumit a certain negro slave therein mentioned, endorsed, "will not pass." The bill to authorise the levy court of Worcester county to levy annually a sum of money on the assessable property of said county for the use of Joseph Tilghman, his young child, and other afflicted children, and the bill authorising Solo-

mon Scott, late sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, to complete his collection, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendments were agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Young delivers a bill, entitled, An act to repeal so much of the act, entitled, An act for erecting a village at Choptank-Bridge, in Caroline county, and for other purposes, and the several supplements thereto, as prohibit the running at large of geese and swine in said village; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes.

The bill to revive and continue an act, entitled, An act authorising Joseph Green, late sheriff and collector of Charles county, to complete his collections, was read the second time, and passed.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, Anne-Arundel and Prince George's counties, counter to the petition for a road from the city of Baltimore to the city of Washington, were preferred, read and referred.

Leave given to bring in a further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Caroline county, and to repeal part of the act of assembly therein mentioned.

A petition from sundry members of various denominations of Christian societies, praying persons may be prohibited from selling spirituous liquors within three miles of any assemblage for religious worship, was preferred, read and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill supplementary to an act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state.

Mr. Baer delivers a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to an act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes; which was twice read and passed.

Mr. Chapman delivers a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent excessive gaming; which was read.

A petition from John Imerton, praying the half pay of a sergeant, was preferred, read and referred.

Ordered, That the printer to the state be directed to print one thousand copies of an act, 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, to be distributed by the members. The following message was agreed to.

At this crisis, when it is essential that the finances of the state should be carefully husbanded, it is our duty to bring the session to as early a close as may be consistent with the interest of the state, and as we have no business but what may be finished by the 20th instant, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to adjourn on that day.

Mr. Bland delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Scott, of the city of Baltimore; which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

MR. SAWYER'S LETTER.

ELIZABETH CITY, (N. J.) Nov. 26.

Extract of a letter from Lemuel Sawyer, Esq. member of congress, to Messrs. Carter, Butler, Grice and Gregory, merchants in this city, dated Washington, November 10.

"We have just got through with the reading of the dispatches from Messrs. Pinkney and Armstrong which accompanied the President's message, they consist of a regular series of letters, part of which were private extracts, and being confidential were read with closed doors. I cannot give you a rough sketch in the compass of a letter; but the substance of these communications is, that both powers have been trifling and prevaricating with our envoys but were determined not to relax in their monopolizing and anti-neutral measures in a single degree. I don't know which to admire most, the talents of the spirit of our ministers. They discovered a flaw of both highly honourable to themselves and to the government. They however seem to differ with regard to the policy of the measure of our government, particularly the embargo. Armstrong thinks the value of the measure entirely over-rated; that we ought to think of some other weapons than important words; and recommends an armed commerce. His notes to Champagny in regard to sea captures under the Milan decree, are severe in the extreme, though equally just. Pinkney considers the policy of the embargo unquestionable, and that must have its desired effect. His letter of the 2d Sept. on that subject gives a most able and luminous exposition of the true line of conduct we should serve towards England. He advises a continuation of the embargo, and a total non-intercourse in the strongest terms. He condemns the idea of any attempt to open any trade with Spain and Portugal in the present state of affairs. Thinks it would create no equivalent advantage. That it would create an envious distinction between our various productions. Some of the states furnishing articles suitable and others not: That the trade would have to go to the hands of England, and then involve us with France; and that by the time our ships and cargoes would be in a situation to enforce his decrees against them, and expose us to the charges of cupidity, and insatiable avarice. He thinks there is no doubt that Buonaparte will carry his point before that and advises above all things to adhere to the present system. He declares that it pinches Eng-