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Legislature of Maryland.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1809.

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

The bill confirming the right of John Miers to the land called the bill for the benefit of the heirs of William Murphy, the bill for the benefit of Thomas Shock, the bill to lay out and open a road from the lower end of William Darne's plantation to Montgomery court-house at or near the Union Mills, the bill to amend the act for the preservation of the nation of Cabin creek, the bill authorizing the levy court of Washington county to open a road in said county, the bill to incorporate the Society of the Friends of the Poor, the bill relating to Trinity church in the city of Baltimore, and the bill annulling the marriage of Thomas Burk, and Elizabeth his wife, were read to the senate.

Mr. Veatch presented a petition from Susan Burk, of Montgomery county, praying that her daughter Elizabeth may be supported out of the poor-house, and Mr. Schley presented a petition from Valentine Ebert, of Frederick county, praying a divorce, which was read and referred.

Mr. Kerr, Mr. Stevens and Mr. P. Spencer have leave of absence.

The report in favour of Vachel Bargefs was read the second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. Williams presented a petition from John Riggs, of Anne-Arundel county, praying that herself and sons may be supported out of the poor-house; which was read.

Mr. Worthington presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Harford counties, counter to the petition for a road; which was read, referred to the committee on petitions to which it is counter, and Mr. Worthington and Mr. Randall added to said committee.

On the second reading the bill to fix the mode of electing senators of this state in the year of the United States, on motion of Mr. H. Thomas, the question was put, That the word "ballot" be stricken out of the words of inferring the words "vote viva voce?" Determined in the negative, yeas 28, nays 34.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 39, nays 23, and the bill sent to the senate.

The report on the petition of Benjamin Blay, was read the second time, amended, and the question put, That the house assent to the same? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Bland delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief and benefit of Clement Brooke, of the city of Baltimore, and Mr. Tabbs delivers a bill, entitled, An act providing for the payment of the costs which accrued upon the trial of Thomas Burk, in Washington county, March term, 1809; which were read.

The bill directing the register of the land-office of the western shore to issue a patent for George Churchman, and others, for the land and lot therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Bland delivers a bill, entitled, An act concerning waste; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of Adam Barktrafer, of Washington county, the bill annulling the marriage of Thomas Burk, and Elizabeth his wife, and the bill to confirm an act passed at June session, 1809, entitled, An act to alter the constitution and form of government, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also a bill, entitled, An act to extend Aisquith-street in the eastern precincts of Baltimore, and a bill, entitled, An act to appoint trustees for Nathan Griffith, of Baltimore county, and for other purposes, severally endorsed, "will pass;" which were read.

On motion of Mr. C. Dorsey, Leave given to bring in a further supplement to the act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts.

Mr. Davis presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Havre-de-Grace, praying that the commissioners thereof may be elected by the inhabitants, and Mr. Worthington presented a memorial from sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Baltimore, praying

an increase of the salary of the chief judge of the sixth judicial district; which were read and referred.

The bill authorizing Buckler Bond to erect gates on the road therein mentioned, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Chapman, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties therein designated.

Mr. Archer delivers a bill, entitled, An act empowering the trustees of the poor of Harford county to sell and convey certain property therein mentioned; which was read.

The report of the committee of elections and privileges was read the second time and concurred with.

The bill to confirm certain acts of justices of the peace who hold, or have held, offices under the general government, was read the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Archer, the question was put, That the house reconsider the bill authorizing Buckler Bond to erect gates on the road therein mentioned? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of James Sheradine, and the bill to empower the trustee herein after named to sell certain lands of the late William O'Bryan, deceased, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill annulling the marriage of Amelia Peters, endorsed, "will not pass." And the resolution in favour of Matthew Clarke, endorsed, "assented to."

On motion of Mr. C. Dorsey, Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to the equity jurisdiction of the county courts, be instructed to inquire, and report to this house, the number of actions depending in the court of chancery, and the different counties in which the defendants in the said actions reside.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1809.

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

The bill authorizing Buckler Bond to erect gates on the road therein mentioned, the bill to confirm certain acts of justices of the peace who hold, or have held, offices under the general government, and the bill directing the register of the land-office of the western shore to issue a patent to George Churchman, and others, for the land and lot therein mentioned, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Veatch delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the support of Elizabeth Reid, of Montgomery county; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill authorizing the levy court of Montgomery county to levy a sum of money to the support and maintenance of David Hamilton, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to make the final discharge of executors, administrators and guardians, matter of record, was read the second time and recommended for amendment.

Mr. Wharton delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the support of Matthew Bradburn, of Montgomery county; which was read.

Mr. Schley delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of Valentine Ebert; which was twice read and concurred with.

Mr. Williams delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the support of Azariah, Philip and Ninian Riggs, of Anne-Arundel county; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Schley delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road in Frederick county; and Mr. Streett delivers a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the ninth section of an act to prevent evils arising from the entering up judgments on bonds, commonly called Judgment Bonds, to direct the manner of issuing executions on loan-office bonds, and to regulate certain fees therein mentioned; which were read.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, the following message was sent to the senate:

By the House of Delegates, Nov. 22, 1809.
Gentlemen of the Senate,

A bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Amelia Peters, of Queen-Anne's county, as passed by this house, has been negatived by your body. It is one of those important cases to which we request the reconsideration of the senate.

By order, J. BREWER, clk.

Mr. Baer delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the German or high Dutch reformed Christian church in Frederick-town, and other purposes therein named; which was read.

Mr. J. E. Spencer presented a petition from Thomas Gadd, an old soldier; which was read and referred.

Mr. A. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter and abolish all that part of the constitution which permits certain citizens of Annapolis to vote for delegates to Anne-Arundel county; which was read.

Mr. Worthington presented a petition from doctor James Smith, of the city of Baltimore, praying the attention of the legislature towards the distribution of the vaccine matter; which was read and referred.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill providing for the maintenance and education of Edward Spurrier, and after inserting the name of Thomas Stone, son of the late general Stone, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 22, nays 31, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Randall presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, and petitions from Darby Enfor and William Price, of said county, praying that disinterested commissioners may be appointed to review a certain road; which were read and referred.

Mr. Worthington delivers a bill, entitled, An act concerning divorces; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of William Glavin, and the bill authorizing the levy court of Washington county to open a road in said county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill for the benefit of Lucas Shock, and the bill to alter and change a part of a road in Anne Arundel county, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Chapman delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties therein designated; which was read.

The report on the petition of Vachel Bargefs was read, and on motion of Mr. Winder, the question was put, That the committee appointed to bring in the same be discharged, and that the same be referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill concerning the amendment of judicial proceedings, and after spending some time in the consideration thereof, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be postponed until to-morrow? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1809.

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

On motion of Mr. Schley, Ordered, That the bill to provide for the payment of the legal costs which accrued upon the trial of Thomas Burk, be recommitted for amendment.

The question was then put, on motion of Mr. Schley, That the committee who brought in the same be discharged? Determined in the negative, and Mr. Baer, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Harryman and Mr. Forwood, were added to the said committee.

Mr. Veatch presented a petition from Anne Richards of Montgomery county, praying to be supported out of the poor-house; Mr. Belt presented a petition from Elisha and Achsah Porter, of Anne-Arundel county, praying to be supported out of the poor-house; and Mr. Hilleary presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Allegany county, praying a law may pass for making Will's creek navigable; which were read and referred.

The bill for the relief and benefit of Clement Brooke, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Forwood delivers a bill, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners to review the road therein mentioned in Harford county; which was read.

Mr. Veazey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for making an artificial road from the town of New-Castle, in New-Castle county, to the line of this state, in the route or direction to French-town, on Elk river, in Cecil county, in the State of Maryland, and to extend the same artificial road from thence, by the nearest and best practicable course, to French-town, on Elk river, in Cecil county, in the State of Maryland; which was read.

The bill for the relief of William Hall, was read the second time, and the question

put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Spencer, Ordered, That the bill to declare the condition of such issue as are born of negro or mulatto slaves during their servitude for years, be recommitted.

The bill for the benefit of the heirs of doctor Daniel Jenifer, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Archer presented a petition from Josias William Dallam and Richard Dallam, of Harford county, praying that the treasurer may be directed to refund them money overpaid for land, with interest thereon; which was read and referred.

Mr. Worthington delivers a bill, entitled, An act respecting a monument or statue to the memory of Washington, and a bill, entitled, An act relating to servants and slaves; which were read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to lay out and open a road from the lower end of William Darne's lane, to intersect the public road leading from John Orme's plantation to Montgomery court-house at or near the Union Mills, the bill to fix the mode of electing senators to represent this state in the senate of the United States, the bill for the relief of Clement Brooke, and the bill for the benefit of the heirs of William Murphy, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Garret E. Pendergraft, an insolvent debtor, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read.

The bill empowering the trustees of the poor of Harford county to sell and convey certain property therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Worthington delivers a bill, entitled, An act respecting inspection warehouses in the city of Baltimore; which was read.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill concerning the amendment of judicial proceedings, and after amending, and reading the same throughout, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1809.

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

The bill concerning the amendment of judicial proceedings was sent to the senate.

Mr. Worthington delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the preservation and distribution of the vaccine matter for the use of the citizens of this state; and Mr. Veatch delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the support of Anne Richards, of Montgomery county; which were read.

Mr. Davis presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for a road; which was read and referred.

Mr. Belt delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of Elisha Porter and Achsah Porter, who are idiots; and Mr. Seth delivers a bill, entitled, An act to tax Bank Stock for the establishment and support of schools; which were severally read.

Mr. S. Thomas presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of George-town, praying a company may be incorporated to open a turnpike road, and Mr. Gaither presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Maryland and district of Columbia, praying for said road; Mr. Harris presented a petition from Simon Wickes, of Kent county, praying the place of holding the election in his district may be changed; and Mr. Wilkinson presented a petition from Marlham Parker, of Calvert county, praying compensation for a negro man who was sentenced to be hanged; which were severally read and referred.

On motion of Mr. Bland, Ordered, That the bill respecting writs of habeas corpus be recommitted for amendment.

Mr. Bland delivers the said bill, as amended; which was read.

Mr. Brent delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the levy court of Washington county to appoint commissioners to lay off the road therein mentioned; and Mr. Bland delivers a bill, entitled, An act concerning insolvency; which were severally read.

Mr. Worthington presented a petition from Samuel Norwood, of Baltimore county, praying he may be authorized to erect a toll bridge over Patapasco river; which was read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill annulling the marriage of Amelia Peters, of Queen-Anne's county, endorsed, "on reconsideration will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill confirming the right of