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Legislature of Maryland.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1809.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Holbrook, Mr. P. and Mr. Gale. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill for the relief of John Campbell, the bill for the relief of Henry Alexander, the bill to incorporate a company for making an artificial road from French-town to the Delaware line, the bill to abolish the forty-fifth article of the constitution and form of government, and the bill authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of erecting a building to be called the Baltimore Female Academy, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Harryman presented a petition from James Carroll, of Baltimore county, praying that commissioners may be appointed to review a road from Baltimore to Belle-Air; and Mr. Street presented a petition from George Bradford, of Harford county, praying to be reimbursed money paid by him for land enclosed to which the state cannot give him title; which were read and referred.

Mr. Bland presented a memorial from William Lee, and others, counter to the petition of Thomas Kennedy; which was read. Mr. Hillery delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorizing Thomas Greenwell to remove negroes from the state of Virginia into this state; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. M. Brown presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying for a bridge over Patapsco Falls; which is read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill authorizing William Bruce, late sheriff and collector of Allegany county, to complete his collections, the bill to empower the inhabitants of the town of Havre-de-Grace to elect the commissioners thereof, the further supplement to the act authorizing a lottery for raising a sum of money for repairing of St. George's church, and the bill for the benefit of Elizabeth Barnet, severally endorsed, "will pass." The bill to empower the administrator of Joseph Baxter, late sheriff of Cecil county, to collect the fees into the hands of said Baxter for collection in his life-time, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill making provision for the maintenance and education of Edward Sparrier, of Anne-Arundel county, and Thomas Stone, of Charles county, endorsed, "will not pass." A bill, entitled, An act to effectually to secure the collection of public revenues, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read. And a letter from John By, register of the land-office, enclosing account of taxes; which was read.

On motion of Mr. J. Brown, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill concerning crimes and punishments; Mr. Winder in the chair. After some time spent therein, the committee rose. Mr. Winder reported the said bill with other amendments.

On motion of Mr. Bland, Ordered, That the same be reprinted. Mr. A. Dorsey delivers a memorial from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying for a road; Mr. J. Thomas presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, counter to the petition for a road in Middle-town to Harley's store; and Mr. C. Dorsey presented a petition from Mil- Armstrong, of Charles county, praying to be supported out of the poor's house; which is read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

By the Senate, Dec. 12, 1809.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, The senate request the attendance of Thomas Starbory, Esquire, the speaker of your house, to give evidence at their bar relative to a road in Baltimore county, contemplated to be opened by a bill, entitled, An act to cut and make public a road in Baltimore county therein mentioned, which is now under the consideration of the senate.

By order, T. ROGERS, clk.

Mr. Worthington delivers a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Mary and Patrick Quinlan; which was

Mr. J. H. Thomas presented a petition from George Creager, junior, late sheriff of Frederick county, praying a further time to complete his collection; which was read and referred.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to reinstate the cause of Benedict E. Hall against Samuel Gover, and others, and after changing the title thereof, the further consideration of said bill was postponed.

The bill to lay out a road in Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Tabbs, Ordered, That the bill providing for the payment of the costs which accrued upon the trial of Thomas Burk, in Washington county, at March term, 1809, have a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. J. Thomas presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying a turnpike road from Frederick-town to Harper's Ferry; and Mr. Baer presented a petition from Thomas J. Hammond, of Frederick county, praying a special act of insolvency; which were read and referred.

The bill to lay out, straighten and amend a certain road in Harford county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Harryman delivers a bill, entitled, An act to straighten and amend the public roads in Harford county, and for other purposes; and Mr. Boyle delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorize a lottery, to raise a sum of money for repairing the protestant episcopal church in the city of Annapolis; which were read.

Mr. Wilson delivers a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Ephraim Furniss, and Polly his wife, of Somerset county; which was twice read and passed.

Mr. Plater presented a petition from Joseph Hairis, clerk of Saint-Mary's county, stating that the land records of said county are only alphabetized in the names of the grantors, and praying some order therein; which was read and referred.

Mr. Boyle delivers a favourable report on the petition of Nicholas Brewer; which was read.

On motion of Mr. Bland, Ordered, That the bill concerning insolvency, be recommitted for amendment.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Bland, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, and securing and confirming the estates of purchasers.

Mr. Bland delivers the said bill; which was read.

Mr. Lecompte delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the children of John Green, late of Dorchester county, deceased; which was twice read and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill authorizing Thomas Greenwell to remove his negroes from the state of Virginia into this state, and the bill to lay out and straighten a certain road in Harford county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the evil practices of sheriffs, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read.

On motion of Mr. Brent, the following message was read.

By the House of Delegates, Dec. 12, 1809.

Gentlemen of the Senate, At this important crisis of our national affairs, when it is essential the finances of the state should carefully be 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 Saturday the 23d instant, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to adjourn on that day.

By order, J. BREWER, clk.

And the question was then put, That the house assent to the same? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 47, nays 8.

Mr. Wilson delivers a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Mary Walker, of Worcester county; which was read.

On motion of Mr. Plater, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the fees of the register of the court of chancery? Determined in the negative, yeas 27, nays 31.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the resolution relative to the road from Hancock to Cumberland, and the blank therein being filled up with the words "two thousand dollars," the question was put, That the house assent to the said resolution? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 33, nays 27.

The house, according to order, proceeded to the second reading of the bill to

alter all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to voters and qualification of voters, 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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1809.

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

The bill to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to voters and qualification of voters, the bill for the benefit of the children of John Green, the bill annulling the marriage of Ephraim Furniss, and Polly his wife, the resolution relative to the road from Hancock to Cumberland, and the message proposing to dissolve the session, were sent to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Archer, Ordered, That the further additional supplement to the act to direct discents, have a second reading on Tuesday next, and that the bill to alter all such parts of the declaration of rights, constitution and form of government, as make it lawful to lay a general and equal tax for the support of the Christian religion, have a second reading on Wednesday next; and on motion of Mr. J. Brown, the bill for the regulation of officers fees was ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Worthington presented a memorial from William Gwynn, of the city of Baltimore, praying that part of lot No. 11 may be conveyed to him by Baltimore county, on his paying for the same; which was read and referred.

Mr. Kerr presented a report from the trustees of the Estlin charity school; which was read.

Mr. Bland presented a petition from Thomas Warner, of the city of Baltimore, praying a divorce; Mr. W. Moffitt presented a petition from John Moore, of Kent county, praying to be compensated for losses sustained by fire, which he supposes to have arisen from the malice of some person in consequence of his discharging his duty as a magistrate; and Mr. Bland presented a petition from the president and managers of the Frederick turnpike company, praying they may be authorized to collect tolls for crossing a bridge over the Monocacy; which were read and referred.

Mr. Street delivers a favourable report on the petition of George Bradford; which was read.

On motion of Mr. Randall, Leave given to bring in a bill to complete the Baltimore and Liberty-town road.

Mr. J. H. Thomas delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorizing George Creager, junior, late sheriff of Frederick county, to complete his collection; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Angier delivers a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of John Lamb and Elizabeth Lamb; and Mr. Worthington delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas Cannon, of the city of Baltimore; which were read.

Mr. C. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to repeal all such parts of the acts of assembly of this state as require the payment of twenty-five shillings for a marriage license, and a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts; which were read, and ordered for a second reading on Friday next.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to admit persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath to serve as jurors, and the bill to authorize the drawing of a lottery or lotteries in Middle-town, in Frederick county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the following message:

By the Senate, Dec. 13, 1809.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, We have received your message, proposing to close the present session on Saturday the 23d instant. The senate are feraciously disposed to join you in that measure, or at an earlier period if practicable.

By order, T. ROGERS, clk.

Mr. Jump appeared in the house.

The house, according to order, proceeded to the second reading of the bill respecting writs of habeas corpus, which being amended and read throughout, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

Mr. J. E. Spencer delivers a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain and declare the condition of such issue as may hereafter be born of negro or mulatto female slaves during their servitude for years, and for other purposes therein mentioned, as amended; which was read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the supplement to the act for the recovery

of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and after amending and reading the same throughout, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 27, nays 29.

On motion of Mr. Bland, the bill concerning libel and contempt of court, was ordered for a second reading on Wednesday next. The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1809.

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

The supplement to the act for the recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Harryman presented a petition from John Boyer, of Baltimore county, praying to be supported out of the poor's house, and a petition from the commissioners for building a new court-house in the city of Baltimore, praying a further appropriation to complete the same; Mr. Randall presented a petition from the New-Market fire company, praying for a lottery to build an Engine-house; and Mr. Seth presented a petition from William Horney, an old soldier; which were read and referred.

Mr. Worthington delivers a favourable report on the petition of Rachel Burgoyne, and Mr. Chapman delivers a favourable report on the petition of Charles Sewell and J. R. Green; which were read.

Mr. Street presented a petition from Benedict E. Hall, counter to the petition of Samuel Gover, and others; which was read.

Mr. Groome delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of John Grewell; which was twice read and concurred with.

Mr. Forzier presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying a lottery to build a wharf at Cambridge; Mr. Griffith presented a petition from Keshiah Hutchison, of Dorchester county, praying a divorce; Mr. Wilson presented a petition from Benjamin Johnson, jun. and others, of Worcester county, praying for a road; Mr. Baer presented a petition from William Boller, a native of Germany, praying his title to real property may be confirmed; Mr. Harryman presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying an arbitration system; Mr. Bland presented a petition from Henry Ziegler, of Baltimore city, praying the act of 1807, ch. 100, may be enforced; and Mr. Griffith presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying for a canal from Black Water river to Parson's creek; which were severally read and referred.

The bill providing for the payment of the costs which accrued upon the trial of Thomas Burk, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 45, nays 14, and sent to the senate.

The house proceeded, according to order, to the second reading of the bill concerning waste, which being amended and read, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of John Campbell, the bill annulling the marriage of Ephraim Furniss, and Polly his wife, the bill to repeal and abolish the forty-fifth article of the constitution and form of government, and the bill to incorporate a company for making an artificial road from French-town to the Delaware line, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill concerning the amendment of judicial proceedings, and the bill for the relief of Henry Alexander, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to authorize and empower the court of appeals of the western shore to hear and determine the matter of a decree of the late court of appeals at June term, 1800, between Benedict E. Hall and the representatives of Jacob Gries, and the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. J. Brown, the following order was read.

Ordered, That the register of the land office cause to be laid before this house, a statement, showing the amount of fees received by him, in virtue of his office, for one year prior to the first of November, 1809.

Which was amended so as to include the register in chancery, the clerks of the courts and the registers of wills in each county, to be returned on oath, and assented to.

Mr. Wilkinson delivers a bill, entitled, An act appointing commissioners to ascertain and establish a divisional line between Anne-Arundel and Calvert counties; Mr. Cottman