

record, and the bill to make public a road in Washington county, were sent to the senate. Mr. Harryman presented a petition from James Gettings, sen. praying to be heard by counsel at the bar of the house in opposition to the counsel of Henry Margaret Ogle; which was read.

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

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 4, 1810.
Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose, with the concurrence of your house, to close the session on Saturday the 6th instant.

On motion of Mr. Angier, the following order was read.

Ordered, That the committee of claims close the journal of accounts on Saturday next, including Monday the 8th instant.

On motion of Mr. Bland, the following order was agreed to.

Ordered, That James Gettings be permitted to be heard by counsel at the bar of this house on Friday evening next at 5 o'clock, respecting a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act for quieting possessions, and securing and confirming the estates of purchasers.

On motion of Mr. Angier, the question was put, That the words "provided they close their argument the same evening," be added to the same? Determined in the negative, yeas 10, nays 34.

On motion of Mr. Angier, the following order was read.

Ordered, That the committee of claims allow sixty dollars to John Brewer, clerk of this house, William S. Green, assistant clerk, and to Louis Gassaway, for the extraordinary duties they have faithfully discharged during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Bland the question was put, That the house assent to the same as far as relates to John Brewer? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 34, nays 14.

On motion of Mr. Hilleary, the question was then put, That the word "sixty," as it relates to William S. Green, be stricken out, for the purpose of inserting "one hundred?" Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 40, nays 11.

The question was then put on that part relative to Louis Gassaway, and resolved in the affirmative.

The word ordered was then stricken out, and the word "resolved" inserted, and the question put, That the house assent to the said resolution? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Chapman the following order was read.

Ordered, That the committee of claims allow such itinerant charges to the committee clerks as are allowed to members of the general assembly, agreeably to the distance at which they respectively reside from the seat of government.

And the question put, That the house assent to the same? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 36, nays 27.

Mr. Baer delivers a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain and provide for the payment of certain damages sustained by John Loggdon, and others; which was read.

Mr. Bowles delivers an unfavourable report on the letter of Archibald Gishholm; which was twice read and concurred with.

Mr. Groome presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of Sassafras Neck, Cecil county, praying a tax may be levied for the support of schools; and Mr. Williams presented a petition from Young Wilkerson, an old soldier; which were read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to release the right of the State of Maryland in lots No. 40, 41 and 42, in the city of Baltimore, the bill to establish a permanent salary for the chief justice of the court of oyer and terminer and goal delivery for Baltimore county, the supplement to the act authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire engine, and to erect a house with an alarm bell, in the western precincts of Baltimore, the further act for the relief of John C. F. Chirac, the bill to lay out and open a road in Worcester county, beginning at some point on the road that leads from Snow Hill to Salisbury, and running from thence until it intersects the road running from Mary Parker's to Salisbury, the bill for the benefit of the children of Benjamin Young, deceased, and the bill to pay the civil list, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill for incorporating the Rockville academy in Montgomery county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the resolutions relative to British statutes, endorsed, "assent to."

On motion of Mr. Angier, That the bill to regulate officers fees be referred to the next general assembly, and published in the voter and proceedings for the consideration of the people? it was determined in the negative, yeas 22, nays 33.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill for the regulation of officers fees, and after making several amendments thereto, the further consideration thereof was postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. A. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Jasper E. Tilly;

The bill to exempt the inhabitants of North and Pipe Creek hundreds from tollage, when going to or returning from public worship, was read the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Spencer, the following resolution was read.

Resolved, That Thomas Rogers, clerk of the senate, be allowed the sum of one hundred dollars, and James Harwood assistant clerk, the sum of sixty dollars, as a further compensation for the fidelity with which they have discharged their duty this session.

The supplement to the act for opening a road in Baltimore county therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to clear and make public a road in Washington county, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The further supplement to the act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts, endorsed, "will not pass." And the bill regulating the powers of the county courts in criminal proceedings, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Holbrook delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of Levin Wright; which was twice read and concurred with.

The bill to authorize and empower the levy court of Talbot county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and will not pass.

The resolutions in favour of Cornelius Manning were read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Archer, the question was put on the first resolution, and resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put on the second resolution, and determined in the negative.

The resolution in favour of Nicholas Brewer was read the second time and assented to.

The bill to prevent insurance on lottery tickets, was read the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Bland, the further consideration of the bill concerning insolvency, was referred to the consideration of the next general assembly.

The bill annulling the marriage of Mary Walker, of Worcester county, was read the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Angier, Ordered, That when this house adjourn it will be adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock, this evening.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock, P. M.

5 O'CLOCK, P. M.

THE house met.
Mr. Boyle presented a petition from Otho H. W. Lockett, of Frederick county, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred.

Mr. Groome delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the establishment of schools in North and West Sassafras and Bohemia hundreds in Sassafras Neck, in Cecil county; which was read.

The bill to authorize a lottery to raise a sum of money for repairing the protestant episcopal church in the city of Annapolis, was read the second time and passed.

The bill to restrain the evil practices of sheriffs, was read the second time and will not pass.

The supplement to the act to straighten and amend the public roads in Harford county, and for other purposes, and the bill to incorporate the Washington cotton manufacturing company of the city of Baltimore, were read the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Herbert, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money for improving the navigation of the eastern branch of Patowmack river.

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

On motion of Mr. Boyle, Leave given to bring in a bill for the better preservation of public property.

On motion of Mr. Bland, Ordered, That the further supplement to the act for quieting possessions, and securing and confirming the estates of purchasers, be referred to the first day of June next.

On motion of Mr. Angier, Ordered, That the bill annulling the marriage of Mary Quinlan and Patrick Quinlan, be referred to the next general assembly.

On motion of Mr. Plater, Ordered, That the bill annulling the marriage of Thomas Culberion and Elizabeth Culberion, be referred to the next general assembly.

The amendments to the bill for the amendment of judicial proceedings, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Winder, the question was put, That the bill annulling the marriage of John Lamb, and Elizabeth Lamb his wife, be referred to the first day of June next? Determined in the negative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the said bill, and the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

The bill for the relief of Thomas Carnan, was read the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Plater, Ordered, That the bill annulling the marriage of Eleanor

Parker and Robert Parker be referred to the first day of June next.

On motion of Mr. Gathier, the bill for the support of Anne Richards, was referred to the first day of June next.

Mr. Boyle delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief and benefit of Otho Holland Williams Lockett, of Frederick county; which was read.

On motion of Mr. Grahame, Ordered, That the bill appointing commissioners to ascertain and establish a divisional line between Anne-Arundel and Calvert counties, have a second reading on to-morrow.

The bill annulling the marriage of Thomas Warner and Ruth Warner, of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Plater, the question was put, That the bill annulling the marriage of Josephine Changeur, of the city of Baltimore, be referred to the first day of June next? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill for the relief of doctor Robert Moore, was read the second time and passed.

The bill for the relief of Thomas J. Hammond was read the second time and will not pass.

The bill for the relief of William Boller, and the bill to lay out and make public a road in Baltimore county, were read the second time and passed. Adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1810.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to exempt the inhabitants of North and Pipe Creek hundreds from tollage, the bill to prevent insurance on lottery tickets, the bill annulling the marriage of Mary Walker, the bill for the relief of doctor Robert Moore, the bill annulling the marriage of the

bill for the relief of Thomas Carnan, the bill to incorporate the Washington cotton manufacturing company, the supplement to the act to straighten and amend the public roads in Harford county, the bill to authorize a lottery for repairing the protestant episcopal church in the city of Annapolis, the bill to prevent the evil practices of sheriffs, the supplement to the act for opening a certain road in Baltimore county therein mentioned, the bill for the relief of William Boller, the bill to lay out and make public a road in Baltimore county, and the resolutions in favour of Nicholas Brewer and Cornelius Manning, were sent to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Bland, the question was put, That the house reconsider the bill annulling the marriage of Josephine Changeur? Resolved in the affirmative.

Which bill being read, the question was out, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

The bill continuing certain acts of assembly, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Calvert, Ordered, That the petition from sundry planters of Prince-George's county be referred to the next general assembly.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the valuation of real and personal property, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read.

Mr. C. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts; Mr. Worthington delivers a bill, entitled, An act to simplify the proceedings at law, and to expedite the administration of justice; Mr. Harryman delivers a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to extend Centre-street in the western precincts of the city of Baltimore, and to build a bridge therein across Jones's Falls; which were severally read.

The amendments to the bill for the valuation of real and personal property, were read and rejected, except the 10th and 11th, which were agreed to, and, on motion of Mr. Archer the following message was read.

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 5, 1810.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have rejected your amendments to the act, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property in this State, so far as they relate to the persons appointed by us as commissioners of the tax, and the giving eligibility to the said office to judges of the orphans court. We conceive that it would be proper to appoint the commissioners named by this house, as we have endeavoured as far as was thought proper, to retain the former commissioners against whose character, or as to a deficiency in the performance of whose duties, we have heard no allegations.

We are also of opinion, that the members of the orphans court, should not be eligible as commissioners of the tax, as in republican governments, offices should as much as possible, where they are of a different nature, be filled by men whose duties in particular Nations may not interfere with what they owe to their country in a different situation. We therefore trust, that upon a reconsideration you will recede from these amendments.

And the question was put, That the house agree to the same? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 44, nays 13, and sent to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Winder, the following resolution was read.

Resolved, That when this house adjourns it shall be adjourned until half past 4 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Spencer, the word "resolved" was stricken out, and the word "Ordered" inserted, and then assented to.

The message proposing to close the session was read the second time, agreed to, and sent to the senate.

The order for closing the journal was read the second time and assented to.

On motion of Mr. Angier, Leave given to bring in a bill for the payment of the journal of accounts.

The bill to ascertain and declare the condition of such issue as may hereafter be born of negro or mulatto slaves during their servitude for years, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 48, nays 8, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the further supplement to the act to straighten and amend the public roads in Harford county, the bill annulling the marriage of Josephine Changeur, the bill annulling the marriage of Mary Walker, the bill for the relief of Thomas Carnan, the bill annulling the marriage of Thomas Warner, and the bill to prevent insurance on lottery tickets, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the resolutions in favour of Nicholas Brewer and Cornelius Manning, endorsed, "assented to."

On motion of Mr. J. Brown, the question was put, That the bill for the regulation of officers fees, be referred to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Whereas the several acts of assembly of this State relating to, and for the regulation of, officers fees, are defective, and in some respects doubtful, as to what is the true, intent and meaning of the same: And whereas it is proper and necessary that the general assembly should possess such information on those subjects, as will enable them to remedy the same; Therefore, Resolved, That the register in chancery, the registers of the land offices, and the clerks of the courts of appeals for the western and eastern shores, the clerks of the county courts, the registers of wills, and the sheriffs in the several counties of this State, be and they are hereby severally requested, to make out and lay before the general assembly, at the next November session, a bill or account of fees properly chargeable for services performed in their respective offices, so as to shew what changes or further regulation might be proper for the legislature to provide; and in making out such bill or account of fees, to make the same as concise and plain as practicable, and to have as few items as possible, so as to include the services aforesaid.

Resolved, That the clerk of the house of delegates be and he is hereby directed, to forward each of the aforesaid officers a copy of those resolutions.

On motion of Mr. Bland, the following was added to the first resolution, "and that each of the clerks of the several county courts, the clerks of the courts of appeals, and the register of the court of chancery, make out, and lay before the next general assembly, the number of suits that have been brought by, or instituted in, and also the number that have been determined, dismissed or disposed of, by the said courts respectively, within each year for three years prior to the first day of September, 1810."

Resolved, That the register in chancery, make out the number of suits depending in the court of chancery, the respective periods when the same were brought, and the different counties or places of residence of the defendants in the said causes, so far as he can ascertain the same.

Which were assented to.

On motion of Mr. C. Dorsey, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November session, 1805, and of the several supplements thereto.

On the second reading of the bill appointing commissioners to ascertain and establish a divisional line between Anne-Arundel and Calvert counties, on motion of Mr. Williams the question was put, That the same be referred to the first day of August next? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 36, nays 24.

The supplement to the act to lay out and straighten a road in Baltimore county, was read the second time and passed.

The report on the petitions of old soldiers was read the second time and assented to, except as to John Lynch.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Spencer, Ordered, That the committee of claims allow to the rev. Mr. Wyatt one hundred dollars for his attendance as chaplain to the house of delegates during this present session.

On motion of Mr. Archer, That the house reconsider the report on the petitions of old soldiers? it was determined in the negative, yeas 8, nays 44.

The clerk of the senate delivers the further additional supplement to the act to direct descents, the bill for the relief of doctor Thomas Moore, the bill to incorporate the