

supplement to an act to lay out, straighten and amend, a certain road in Harford county; which were severally read.

The bill for the relief of William Caton, and the bill to provide for building a bridge over Big Pipe creek, in Frederick county, were read the second time and passed.

The report of the committee relative to an exchange of laws with Virginia, was read the second time and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The bill for the relief of Jacob Kiler, the bill to authorize and empower the levy court of Montgomery county, to assess and levy a sum of money on the assessable property thereof for the purpose of building a clerk's office in said county, the supplement to an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from near Ellicott's lower mills towards George-town, & the bill to authorize a lottery or lotteries in the city of Baltimore for the purpose therein mentioned, were read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. T. Hall, the following order was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the chief clerk of this house send immediately to John Gill, notary-public of the city of Baltimore, for the depositions of Levi Hollingsworth, John Holmes, William Gibbon and William Stinson, which have been taken in pursuance of an order of this house, that the same may be read in evidence in the case of the report of the committee of grievances and courts of justice relative to Zebulon Hollingsworth, Esquire.

Mr. Boyle delivers a bill for the relief of Thomas Karney; which was read.

Mr. Bland delivers a report on the memorial of William Kilty, Esquire, which was read.

Mr. Bland delivers a petition from Alexander Irvine, of the city of Baltimore, praying a law to change the surname of Henry and Charlotte Cochran to the name of Irvine; which was read.

On motion of Mr. Archer, Ordered, That the further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, and securing and confirming the estates of purchasers, have a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Bland, Ordered, That the bill extending and uniting Holliday-street, in the city of Baltimore, have a second reading on to-morrow.

The report in favour of George W. Bradford, was read the second time and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1810.

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

The additional supplement to the act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts, the bill to regulate the inspection of lumber, the bill to provide for the building a bridge over Big Pipe creek, the bill for the relief of William Caton, the bill for the relief of Jacob Kiler, the bill to authorize & empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy a sum of money on the assessable property thereof for the purpose of building a clerk's office in said county, the supplement to an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from near Ellicott's lower mills towards George-town, in Columbia, the bill to authorize a lottery or lotteries in the city of Baltimore therein mentioned, the resolution relative to the exchange of laws with Virginia, and the resolution in favour of George W. Bradford, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Harryman delivers a petition from Richard Chenoworth, and others, of Baltimore county, praying for a road; Mr. Martin a petition from John B. Juffret, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a special act of insolvency; which were read and referred.

Mr. Bland delivers a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the stockholders of the Union Bank of Maryland; which was read.

The bill to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Choptank river, at or near Dover Ferry, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 43, nays 8. Sent to the senate.

The house according to order, proceeded to the second reading of the further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, & confirming the estate of purchasers, and the question was put, That the further consideration of the said bill be referred to the first day of June next? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 37, nays 21.

Mr. F. Hall delivers a favourable report on the petition of Thomas Harrison, which was twice read and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Randall delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that a commissioner may be appointed in the room of Thomas Talbot, to review and lay out a road; which was read and referred.

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

Resolved, That the governor and council

powered, in all cases of debts due to this state, where judgments have been obtained & the defendants are subject to execution, upon application being made to them, and being fully satisfied that the said debt, for which an indulgence is prayed, is well and sufficiently secured, and upon such applicant paying all the interest and costs due thereon, to stay any further proceedings against such debtor, until the meeting of the next general assembly; provided, that any judgment upon which proceedings may be stayed as aforesaid, shall continue and remain in full force, and execution may be issued thereon at any time after the expiration of such stay.

Mr. Dorsey delivers a petition from Alexander Dent, of Charles county, praying that he may be paid for a negro man who was pursued as a runaway and shot; Mr. Neale a petition from William Hebb, of Saint-Mary's county, praying that a deed therein mentioned may be confirmed; which were read and referred.

Mr. W. Williams delivers a favourable report on the petition of John Carr; which was read.

Mr. Burgess delivers a petition from Solomon Sparks, and others, securities of James R. Pratt, late sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, praying a law may pass authorising Solomon Sparks to collect the fees due the late sheriff aforesaid; which was read and referred.

Mr. Dorsey delivers a favourable report on the petition of John Mitchell, and Mr. Burgess a favourable report on the petition of Robert Walters, of Queen-Anne's county; which were read.

Mr. Warfield delivers a report of the committee appointed to bring in a bill to establish public schools, praying to be excused from any further consideration of the same; which was twice read and concurred with.

On motion of Mr. Comegys, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the establishment and support of district schools in the several counties of this state, and in the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis.

The bill for the relief of Dennis M. Burgess, John M. Burgess and George W. Willett of Prince-George's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Dorsey delivers a favourable report on the petition of Alexander Dent; which was read.

Mr. Neale delivers a petition from Clare Reeder, of Saint-Mary's county, praying for a sale of the real estate of her infant child, for its benefit; Mr. Randall a petition from William R. Gillis, and others, of Baltimore county, praying that a deed from Edward Parish to them may be confirmed; Mr. Randall a petition from Philip Gosnel, of Baltimore county, counter to the petition of Richard Chenoworth; which were read and referred.

Mr. Jackson delivers a report relative to the register in chancery; which was read.

On motion of Mr. Dorsey, Ordered, That the committee of claims close the journal of accounts on Tuesday next inclusive.

On motion of Mr. Bowie, Ordered, That the bill to alter and amend all such parts of the constitution and form of government as prevent the election of the judges of the levy courts in the several counties of this state by the people have a second reading on the 22d inst.

Mr. Brooke delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Luke Tiernan, of the city of Baltimore; Mr. Wharton a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for opening and clearing the road to be opened from Westminster in Frederick county, to George-town, and the city of Washington; Mr. Bland a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Hugh Locky, of the city of Baltimore; Mr. Martin a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John B. Juffret, of the city of Baltimore; Mr. Bland a bill for the relief of George F. Meary of the city of Baltimore; Mr. Swearingen a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of making a permanent bridge over the river Monocacy, in Frederick county; Mr. Harryman a bill, entitled, An act to lay out & make public a road in Baltimore county; Mr. Burgess a bill, entitled, An act authorising Philemon C. Blake, late sheriff of Queen Anne's county to complete his collection, and Mr. Randall a bill, entitled, An act to open a road in Baltimore county; which were severally read.

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

The bill for the relief of Lewis J. Dugas, an insolvent debtor, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Welch, Ordered, That the bill for the encouragement of Thomas Murphy, have a second reading this evening.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire engine, and erect

county; was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to endow academies, and the question was put, That the further consideration of the said bill be referred to the first day of June next? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 37, nays 30.

The house adjourns till 6 o'clock, P. M.

6 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Boyle delivers a petition from Doctor William Pinkney, of the city of Annapolis, stating that a criminal who escaped from the wheel-barrow was shot in apprehending him, and praying to be compensated for services rendered as his physician; which was read and referred.

Mr. T. Williams delivers a bill for the benefit of John Parker, of Worcester county; which was twice read and passed.

Mr. Abram Jones delivers a petition from Philip B. Key, of Montgomery county, praying the direction of a road may be changed; which was read and referred.

Mr. Neale delivers a bill to make valid the deed therein mentioned; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of Harriet G. Wynkoop, the bill for the benefit of Elizabeth Patterson, the bill for the benefit of Samuel T. Parker, the bill authorising the levy court of Worcester county, to levy a sum of money for the support of William Peacock, the bill for the relief of Mary Randall, the bill to confirm an act passed at November session, 1809, entitled, An act to repeal and abolish the forty-fifth article of the constitution and form of government, the supplement to an act to lay out and open a road in Caroline county, and the bill to confirm to Theodore Mitchell, of Anne-Arundel county the surname of Swain, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The supplement to the act for the relief of Anthony Thompson, and the bill for the relief of Patrick Dunn, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which were agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed. A bill, entitled, An act to vest certain powers in the orphan court of Charles county, endorsed, "will pass;" which was twice read & passed.

And the following message: *Gentlemen of the house of delegates,* We have reconsidered the last section but one of the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the stockholders of the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore, and have complied with your message by striking out that section, and passing the bill with the other provisions therein contained. Which was read.

The bill to authorize the levy court of Washington county to open and amend the road therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1810.

The house met. The Speaker being unable to attend through indisposition, the house proceeded to ballot for a speaker, *pro tem.* the ballots being deposited in the box, on examination thereof it appeared that Mr. Bowles was unanimously elected; he accordingly took the chair. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to vest certain powers in the orphan court of Charles county, the bill for the benefit of John Parker, and the bill to authorize the levy court of Washington county to straighten, open and amend, the road therein mentioned, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Wharton delivers a favourable report on the memorial of the trustees of Rockville academy; which was read.

Mr. Bayly delivers a bill for the benefit of Levin Irving, of Somerlet county; which was read.

Mr. Marriott delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, praying that the several ferries in said county may be made private ferries; which was read and referred.

The supplement to an act to lay out, straighten and amend, a certain road in Harford county, the bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of Saint-Mary's county, the bill relating to public roads in Worcester county, the supplement to the act to incorporate the stockholders of the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, and the bill regulating attorneys fees, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The house, according to order, proceeded to the second reading of the report of the committee of grievances and courts of justice relative to the removal of Zebulon Hollingsworth, Esq. and after examining testimony, and hearing Mr. Hollingsworth at the bar of the house relative to the subject, on motion of Mr. Archer, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be postponed until to-morrow? The house being equally divided, the question was determined in the affirmative by the speaker.

The report on the petition of Alexander Dent, was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Archer, That the resolution be stricken out for the purpose of inserting the following?

Resolved, That the treasurer of this state by the act of 1751, ch. 15, authorized to pay the value of said negro to the owner, if in judgment and opinion the said slave was slain for refusing to surrender himself contrary to law, or in unlawfully resisting any person endeavouring to apprehend him, and therefore any interference of the legislature would be improper.

A division of the question was called for and put on striking out; Resolved in the affirmative.

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

On motion of Mr. Dorsey, The report was withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Herbert, the following order was assented to.

Whereas it appears from the representation of the treasurer, that a considerable sum of money remains in the treasury subject to future appropriation of the general assembly and it is expedient that the balance which may remain after defraying all the expenses of government, should be invested in some productive fund; therefore, Ordered, That Mr. Herbert, Mr. Perry, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Bland, Mr. Archer, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Bayly, be a committee to consider and report to this house what, in their opinion would be the most eligible fund for said investment.

The house adjourns till 6 o'clock, P. M.

6 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The house met.

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

Resolved, That the governor and council be requested, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to employ some person to paint and make such repairs on the interior of the building, so far as the sum of — dollars may suffice for that purpose and that they draw on the treasurer of western shore for the said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Mr. Groome delivers a petition from dry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying a road; and Mr. Bayly an unfavourable report on the petition of Evans Williams which were read.

Mr. Neale delivers a bill for the benefit of Elizabeth Reeder; Mr. Wainwright a bill to incorporate a manufacturing company Talbot county; Mr. Abram Jones a bill to alter and straighten the road leading through the land of Philip B. Key from Montgomery court-house to the city of Baltimore; Mr. Bayly a bill for the relief of Joseph Oliver; which were severally read.

Mr. Groome delivers a petition from dry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying a road; which was read and referred.

The bill to lay out and open a road Anne-Arundel and Montgomery counties was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the examiner-general; which was read.

The bill to incorporate the president directors of the Athenian Society, and bill to regulate and confine the duties constables within the city of Annapolis, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Street delivers a petition from James W. Ayres, of Harford county, praying he may be authorized to receive conveyances as executor of Owen O'Neil; which was read and referred.

Mr. Wharton delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of Elizabeth Crabb, which was twice read and concurred with.

Mr. Dorsey delivers a further supplement to the act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state; which was read.

On motion of Mr. Dorsey, Ordered, the bill relative to the election of constables by the people, be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill annulling the marriage of E. Hutchinson and Robert Hutchinson, were read the second time, and referred to the first day of June next.

The bill to change and alter the name of Richard Cooke to that of Richard Tilghman, and the bill to lay out and public a road in Baltimore county, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, Ordered, That the bill for the benefit of David Kiah, Alphonso, Carolus and Caleb Johnson, Johnson, be referred to the first day of June next.

The bill for the relief of Francis C. was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.