

List of Letters
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B.
 Thomas Burley, J. L. Boyd, Josiah Bailey, Brice Brewer, Ralph Basil, Susan Brewer.

C.
 Michael Conway, Samuel S. Cowman, Joseph Chaney, J. William Cochran, A. Canfield.

D.
 Grafton Dolany, Charles S. W. Dorsey, Archibald Dorsey, Mrs. Daily, John L. Dorsey.

G.
 Mrs. Anne Gambrell.

H.
 Mrs. Anne Hendrick, Benjamin H. Hodges, Osborn S. Harwood, Mrs. Mary Heath, Thomas W. Hall, Jacob Hollingsworth, Mr. Hutton, Miss Priscilla Hall, Mrs. Catharine Higgins, Henry S. Holland, 2, Philemon Honey, James Holland.

I.
 Leonard Iglehart, 2, John Jacobs, Mrs. Beverly Johnson.

K.
 Thomas King, Nicholas Knighton.

L.
 Mrs. Mary Laremore, Thomas I. Lawrence, Master of Annapolis Lodge.

M.
 William McNeir & Mrs. Mary McNeir, Richard Merrick, Miss Mary Mitchell, Daniel Mahoney, James Moran, Mrs. Sarah Matthews, Bushrod W. Marriott.

N.
 Thomas Nichols, of Isaac, Mrs. Rebecca Newton, 2, Mrs. Jane Nichol, Andrew Nickols.

O.
 Wm. O'Hara, Miss Letitia Orma.

P.
 Eliza Pritchard, 2, James Parker, Henry Price, Joseph Phelps, Samuel Price, Cushing Prince.

R.
 John Ridgely senr. Samuel Ringgold, John G. Rogers, J. A. Robinson, Mrs. Mary Ross.

S.
 Alfred Sellman, John Stephens, Mrs. Sarah Simmons, Joseph N. Stockett 2, Leonard Scott.

T.
 Wm R. Thompson, 4, Joseph Tilton, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Richard Tidings, John Taylor.

U.
 Nathaniel Uen.

W.
 Gideon White, 8 Thomas H. Wilkinon, Joseph White, Mrs. Sarah Welch, 2, Mrs. Martha Weedon, Daniel H. Wiggins, Joseph S. Williams, John Warfield, senr. Nathaniel F. Williams, Miss Amelia Whitaker, Alma Warfield, Miss Elizabeth Winter, Mr. Mary Warfield, Benjamin Watkins, Doct. Gideon White.

JAMES MUNROE, P. M.

An instruction which I have recently received from the General Post Office relative to the quarterly balances, which will hereafter become due from this office, together with my own occasions for money renders it necessary that I should be in possession of the whole receipts for each quarter immediately on the expiration thereof; persons who are indebted to me for postage are desired to pay, and in future the indulgence of a credit for postage will not be extended to any person who neglects to pay his account when presented, or in a very short time thereafter.

As many as desire to do so, are invited to pay the postage of their letters at the time of receiving them, the postage of News papers may be demanded quarterly in advance.

J. M.
 Post Office, Annapolis, Jan. 1, 1825.

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LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND. PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

WEDNESDAY, January 12, 1825.

The house met. Present the same members as yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from John Leatherwood, an insolvent debtor; referred to the committee on insolvent debtors.

The bill authorizing the county court of Calvert county to act in the case therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Henderson presents a report from the trustees of the Elkton Academy; referred to the committee on similar reports.

Mr. Dennis reports a bill, entitled, An act to reduce the number of the board of trustees of Washington Academy, in Somerset county.

Mr. Barnes reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Michael Lynch, of Frederick county. Also a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Lynch and Barnover Kean, of Frederick county.

Mr. Hoffman reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorize two justices of the peace to judge and approve of the security in cases therein mentioned.

THURSDAY, January 13, 1825.

The house met. Present the same members as yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Howard reports a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act for the better regulation of the militia of the city of Baltimore.

The bill for the relief of John C. King, of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, amended, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Howard reports a bill for the benefit of Robert Sanders, of Frederick county. The bill to incorporate the Emmittsburg, in Frederick county. The bill for the relief of Christian Brining, of Washington county. The bill to repeal an act passed at December session 1817, preventing swine and geese from going at large in the town of Rockville, in Montgomery county. The bill to repeal an act relating to the removal of criminal causes in Baltimore city and county court, passed at December session 1821, chapter 44. And the supplement to an act relating to coroners, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill to authorize the governor and council of Maryland to appoint one justice of the peace for each election district of Frederick county, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, Ordered, That the committee of claims be and they are hereby directed, to enquire into, and report to this house, whether any money has been appropriated for the payment of newspapers at the last session, and not properly applied.

Mr. Maxcy moved to strike out "and not properly applied," to insert "and if so, in what manner it has been applied." Resolved in the affirmative.

The order was then assented to.

Mr. Speed appeared in the house.

The clerk of the senate delivers a communication from the executive inclosing the annual report from the penitentiary. And returns the bill to incorporate the Union Fire Company of Middletown, in Frederick county, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill authorizing the county court of Calvert county to act in the case therein mentioned, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Chapman reports a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons.

FRIDAY, January 14, 1825.

The house met. Present the same members as yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of Elizabeth Town, in Washington county, to Hager's Town, and to incorporate the same, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Boon presents the report of the Hillsborough School in Caroline county.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from Mary Snowden, of Cecil county, praying a divorce; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Eccleston presents a petition from sundry citizens of Dorchester county, praying the repeal of a law prohibiting the sale of spirits to people of colour; referred to Messrs. Eccleston, Steele and Wright.

On motion by Mr. Howard, Ordered, That the bill to incorporate the Baltimore Gunpowder Company, be postponed until Tuesday next.

The bill to incorporate the United Beneficial Society in Baltimore; the bill to reduce the number of the board of trustees of Washington Academy, in Somerset county; and the bill for the benefit of Thomas Lynch and Barnover Kean, of Frederick county, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Howard presents a memorial from the proprietors of Williams' and O'Donnell's tobacco warehouse; referred to the committee on Samuel R. Smith's petition.

Mr. Thomas reports a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of salted fish. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on the 29th January, 1825.

Mr. Speed obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act providing greater security against trespasses on new and uninhabited lands. Ordered, That Messrs. Speed, Garner and Merrick, report the same.

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying that the levy court of said county may be authorized to sell the present poor house to purchase a tract of land, and to improve and stock the same, for the better and more economical support of the poor of said county; referred to Messrs. Merrick, Bowles and White.

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying that the levy court of said county may be authorized and required to levy a sum of money for the purpose of building a bridge over the Conococheague, on the road from Hager's town to Mercersburgh; referred to Messrs. Merrick, Fink and Bowles.

On motion by Mr. Maxcy, Ordered, That the treasurer be directed to furnish this house with a classified statement of the payments made during the fiscal year, ending on the 1st Dec. 1824, the vouchers for which were rendered to and examined by the committee of claims.

On motion by Mr. McMahon, Ordered, That the governor be requested to inform this house, at as early a day as it may be practicable, whether any proceedings have as yet been had by the governor and council, under the law of 1818, chapter 206, relative to the adjustment of the western boundary line of this state; and if any, what appointments have been made, and how far the commissioners appointed appear to have progressed in carrying that law into effect, from any official information which may be in the possession of the governor and council; and that he be further requested, to lay before this house copies of the correspondence had by the executive of this state, with the executive of the state of Virginia; of the correspondence, if any, in the possession of the governor and council, which may have taken place between the commissioners of this state, and those of the state of Virginia; and of any report which may have been made by the former to the executive of this state.

The bill for the benefit of Michael Lynch, of Frederick county, was read the second time, amended, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Kemp delivers the following report:

The committee of claims, in obedience to an order of the house, directing them "to inquire into and report to this house, whether any money has been appropriated for the payment of newspapers at the last session, and if so in what manner it has been applied;" beg leave to report:—That it appears from the journal of accounts of last session, that the sum of 140 dollars and two cents was paid to Henry Coulter, the sergeant at arms, at the close of the session, being the amount of accounts of editors of newspapers furnished to him up to that time; that of that sum it appears, the sergeant has paid but two accounts, amounting to 99-18 cents, and that the balance of 40 06 cents, due to the different editors of newspapers, remains as yet unpaid, the reason for which neglect the sergeant states to be his having given up, to the committee of claims, the accounts of the editors, at the very close of the session, and omitted to take a memorandum of their different amounts; that he had no means afterwards of obtaining access to those accounts, and consequently could not ascertain the sum that was due to any of the editors, which is the cause of the accounts remaining unpaid. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order, J. COCKEY, Jr. Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Davall, the following order was read:

Ordered, That the committee of claims be instructed to address circulars to the several editors who furnished newspapers to the members of the legislature at the last session; and also those who furnished papers to the members of the present session, requesting them to forward their accounts forthwith, and bring up their accounts, for the papers furnished the present session to the first day of March next.

Mr. Thomas offered the following as a substitute:

Ordered, That the committee of claims be instructed to withhold the per diem of the sergeant at arms until the accounts of the different editors are paid for the newspapers furnished the members of the legislature during the last session.

Mr. Wootton offered the following as a substitute: Ordered, That the sergeant at arms pay over to the chairman of the committee of claims, the sum of \$120 00, it being the amount received by the said sergeant at arms for the payment of editors who furnished newspapers to the members of the legislature at the last session, and not applied to the purpose by him; and that the chairman of the committee of claims address a circular requesting said editors to furnish their accounts forthwith, to be paid before the 20th of January, all the moneys in his hands not appearing by proper vouchers to the committee of claims to have been paid over to the several editors." Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Dennis moved to postpone the whole, for the purpose of giving a second reading to the report of the committee of claims. Resolved in the affirmative.

The report was then read the second time, and concurred with.

The house resumed the consideration of the substitute as amended by Mr. McMahon.

Mr. Wootton moved to add the following: "And that the chairman of the said committee address a circular requesting said editors to furnish their accounts forthwith." Resolved in the affirmative.

The order was then assented to as amended.

On motion by Mr. Carroll, the following order was read:

Ordered, That no proposition shall be offered as a substitute to another proposition, but that the motion shall be to strike out and insert; and if the house refuse to strike out, that it shall not preclude amendment to the matter referred to be stricken out.

Mr. Lee presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, praying agricultural relief; referred to the committee on the same subject.

The bill for the relief of Beal Stinchcomb, of Frederick county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Ireland from the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, delivers reports on the petitions of Lethe Willis, Michael Walkman, Thomas Townsend, Spedden Orem, and Nathan Porter.

Ordered, That the same have a second reading on the 26th instant.

Mr. Garner obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the fees of constables in cases of levying distresses. Ordered, That Messrs. Garner Gough and Speed, report the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers a communication from the executive, inclosing a report and resolution adopted by the Legislature of Georgia, upon certain resolutions of the state of Ohio, proposing the emancipation of slaves, passed on the seventh day of January 1824.

Also delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Ritchie, of Prince George's county; which was read. And returns the bill for the relief of Catharine Hyatt, of Washington county, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill to incorporate the Village of Port Deposit, in Cecil county, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which were read.

On motion by Mr. Tyson, Ordered, That the bill for the erection of a market house in the city of Baltimore, have a second reading on the 22nd inst.

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate the trustees of the Westminster General Meeting House, in Frederick county. Ordered, That Messrs. Barnes, Kemp and Cromwell, report the same.

Mr. Barnes reports said bill.

Mr. Merrick obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Samuel Yake, and Jacob Yake, of Washington county. Ordered, That Messrs. Merrick, White and Fouke, report the same.

Mr. Barnes presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying agricultural relief; referred to the committee on the same subject.

Mr. Hope obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the removal of lunatic paupers from the several counties of this state to the Maryland Hospital, passed January 31st, 1817. Ordered, That Messrs. Hope, Merrick and Worthington, report the same.

SATURDAY, January 15, 1825.

The house met. Present the same members as yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The speaker laid before the house the report of the trustees of the Rockville Academy. Also a communication from the treasurer relative to banks; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Speed, Ordered, That the bill in favour of Judge Chase be recommitted.

Mr. Hope reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the removal of lunatic paupers from the several counties of this state to the Maryland Hospital, passed January 31st, 1817.

Mr. Beall presents a petition from William Clark, praying he may hold real property; referred to Messrs. Beall, Lee and Wilson.

Mr. Barnes reports a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the city of Frederick to Harper's ferry.

Mr. Tyson reports a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish pilots, and regulate their fees, made and passed by the general assembly of Maryland at their November session 1803. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on the first Monday in February next.

The bill to authorize two justices of the peace to judge and approve of the security in cases therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. R. C. Edelen reports a bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of the assessable property in Prince George's county.

The report of the committee on the memorial of the judges of the court of appeals, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Lee, the first resolution was so amended as to make the room therein mentioned a conference room for both branches of the legislature.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, the words "\$400" were stricken out of the first resolution.

Mr. McMahon moved to strike it up with "\$500."

Mr. Worthington moved to strike out the whole resolution, to insert, "Resolved, That the committee of claims be authorized to contract on the best terms for the repair of the room adjoining the room at present used by the court of appeals?" Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on the "\$500?" Determined in the negative.

The questions were put on "\$400 and on \$399?" and determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the whole was referred to the 1st of June next.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the trustees of Salisbury Academy, or their order, the sum of two hundred dollars, annually, on the 1st day of May, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, as a donation to said academy.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from Joseph Hillen, John Ogston, John Townsend and George Decker, of Baltimore county, praying female may not be imprisoned for debt; referred to the committee on the same subject.

Mr. Farquhar presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, relative to the pecuniary distresses of the people of Maryland; referred to the committee on the same subject.

Mr. Wilson presents a petition from Daniel Collins, of Montgomery county, praying relief; referred to the committee on the same subject.

Mr. Lansdale presents a petition from Elizabeth Barrett, praying relief; referred to the committee on the same subject.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill for the relief of Arthur Wise, and the bill to authorize Hugh Jackson, of Cecil county, to record a deed, severally endorsed "will pass." And the bill for the relief of Osborn Sprigg, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Norris presents a petition from Thomas Chenoweth; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Howard presents a memorial from the devisees of the late James Calhoun, on the subject of the inspection of tobacco; referred to the committee on the petition of Samuel R. Smith.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the agent for the western shore, made in compliance with an order of this house.

Mr. Eccleston reports a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act therein mentioned.

Mr. Tyson reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to justices of the peace in the city of Baltimore.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the following orders were read and assented to:

1. Ordered, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the present system of lotteries, and of substituting the contract system, as pursued in the state of New York.

2. Ordered, That the said committee be further instructed to inquire into the expediency of adopting the present plan of lottery, as adopted and used in the state of New York.

3. Ordered, That the said committee be further instructed to inquire into the expediency of incorporating a company of lottery contractors for a limited time; and that they report to this house upon the several subjects referred to them by the preceding orders.

Mr. Barnes reports a bill, entitled, An act to enable purchasers more speedily to obtain the possession of lands and premises sold by sheriffs in this state.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act to enable Simon Fraser, of Prince George's county, to purchase and hold real property within this state, endorsed "will pass;" which was read.

Mr. Gough reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to levy a sum of money on said county for purposes therein mentioned.

Mr. John Edelen presents a petition from sundry citizens of Charles county, praying the time of holding their court may be changed; referred to Messrs. J. Edelen, Rogers and Garner.

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the orphans courts of this state to order the sale of real estates in certain cases. Ordered, That Messrs. Barnes, Cromwell and Kemp, report the same.

The bill to afford relief to the bona fide holders of negotiable securities, without notice that they were given for a usurious consideration, was read the second time.

Mr. Kilgour moved to refer the same to the 1st of June? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting writs of inquiry.

On motion by Mr. Tingle, the question was put, That the same be recommitted? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speed reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Jeremiah Townley Chase. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Wilson reports a bill, entitled, An act to lay a tax on billiard tables.

The act supplementary to the act, entitled, An act relating to the treasurers of the state on the eastern and western shore, the clerks of the court of appeals, the clerks of the several county courts, the clerk of the city court of Baltimore, &c. was read the second time and passed.

The bill to repeal an act therein mentioned, was read the second time by special order.

On motion by Mr. McMahon, the same was recommitted.

Mr. Millard delivers the following report:

The committee on divorces have read the petition of Margaret Wiest, of Frederick county, under some consideration; and are of opinion that her case does not require legislative interposition; and they recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw her petition.

Which was read.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.