PROCEEDINGS OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND

HOUSE OF DILECATES.

The bill, passed by this house yesterday, entitled, An act regulating fences, in Charles, Queen Anne's and Allegany counties, was sent to the senate for concurrence.

The speaker communicated to the house reports from the clerks of Caroline and Romerate.

clerks of Caroline and Somerset county courts, containing statements, on oath, as well of the amount of the fees and emoluments that had accrued in their-offices, as of the amount thereof which they had received, either by themselves, or other persons for their use, in each of the years 1824, 1825 and 1826, so far as it was practicable to ascertain the same; transmitted in obedience to the order of this house of the tenth ult.

And also a report from the sheriff of Somerset county, containing, a testempt of the amount of feet which were alread in

taining a statement of the amount of fees which were placed in his hands for collection, by the several public officers therein mentioned, and of the abatements made therefrom, respectively, for fees due by insolvent and non-resident persons, and also for commissions allowed on his collections, for each of the years 1825 and 1826, transmitted in compliance with the order of this house of the fourth ultimo.

Which said reports were severally referred to the committee

On ways and means.

Petitions and inemorials were this day presented, viz.

By Mr. Farquhar, the petition of William Jacobs, a revolutionary soldier, praying for a pension; referred to the committee

on pensions and revolutionary claims. on pensions and revolutionary claims.

By Mr. Edward Hughes, the petition of Jesse Severns senior, and Teresa Severns, of Montgomery county; praying for pecuniary relief; referred to the committee appointed to consider

By Mr. Teackle, the petition of John Austin and others, or Somerset county, praying to be admitted to the benefit of primary schools; referred to the committee on public instruction.

By Mr. Tyson, the memorial of sundry citizens of Balti-more, in favour of the memorial of sundry other citizens, pray-ing the incorporation of a company for the manufacturing of iton; referred to the same committee to whom was referred the petition praying the incorporation of The Vulcan Furnace Com-

pany of Maryland;
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And the petition of the trustees of the Male Free School of Baltimore, praying an alteration in their charter; referred to Mesan. Tyson, Stricker and Nicholson.

By Mr. Buckansan, the petition of sundly inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that a new election district may be established in said county; referred to Messrs. Buchanan, Turner, Price, Barnes and Sappington.

SATURDAY, February S, 1827.

The bills of the following titles, passed by this house yesterday, together with the preamble and resolutions, and also the report recommending the adoption of its accompanying resolu-tion, of the titles below mentioned, which were also severally concurred in, and assented to by this house yesterday, were

sent to the senate for concurrence, viz.

An act to incorporate the stockholders of The Temascaltepec Mining Company of Baltimore; and an act to divorce Henrietta Hewitt, and her husband William Hewitt, of the city of Balti-

Also the preamble and resolutions relating to the measure proposed in the congress of the United States, of appropriating a portion of the annual nett proceeds of the sales and entries of the public lands, for the support of common schools.

And the report of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, relative to a work proposed to be published by John V. 1. M. Mahon, esquire, to be entitled, An Historical View of the Go ernment of Maryland, in all its branches, Legislative, Execu tive and Judicial, from the era of the grant of the Charter and the Colonization of the State, to the present moment, recom mending the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

The speaker communicated to the house a report from the

sheriff of Calvert county, containing a statement of the amount of fees which have been placed in his hands for collection, by the several public officers therein mentioned, and of the abatements therefrom, respectively, for fees due from insolvent and non-resident persons, and also for commissions on his collections, claimed by him, in each of the years 1825 and 1826; transmitted in compliance with the order of this house of the fourth ultimo; which was referred to the committee on ways and means.

MONDAY, February 5th, 1827.

Petitions and memorials were this day presented, viz. By Mr. Sutton, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying the law passed last session, incorporating a company to build a bridge over the Susquehannah at Havre-de-Grace, may not be repealed; referred to the com mittee to whom similar petitions on that subject have been

By Mr. J. W. Thomas, the pe ition from sundry inhabit ants of Harford and Cecil counties, praying that the law in corporating a company to build a bridge over the river Susqueliannali, at Havre-do-Grace, may be repealed; referred to the committee to whom similar petitions on that subject have been referred.

By Mr. Mellhenny, the petition of the Independent Hose Company, of Frederick Town, praying that the levy court of Frederick county may be authorised to erect a suitable engine house in said town; referred to Messrs. Milhenny, Farquhar and Barnes.

By Mr. Stevens, the petition of Eliakim Littell, praying for the enactment of a law to authorise the distribution of certain books by way of lottery; referred to the committee

By Mr. Ridgaway, the petition of sundry citizens of Queen-Anne's county, praying for a new election district in said county; referred to the committee already appointed of that subject.

Leaves were this day asked and obtained to introduce bills of the following titles, viz.

By Mr. Tidball, An act for the relief of the trustees of

the Hagers town academy. Ordered, That the subject of this leave be referred to the committee on lutteries. And, An act relating to evidence of title in actions of ejectment, and trespass quare clausum fregit, and in proceedings under the act to direct descents; Mesars. Tidball, Buchanan and Hall, were appointed a committee to prepare the bill.

By Mr. Edward Hughes, An act relative to certain trespasses.

in Montgomery county, Messra. Edward Hughes, Janes and Peter, were named a committee to prepare the bill. And, By Mr. Saulsbury, An act to alter the time of holding the county court is Caroline county, at their March term. Messrs. Saulsbury, Brown and Hardcastle, were named a committee to prepare the bill.

TUESDAY, February 6th, 1827.

Leaves were this day asked and obtained to introduce bills of the following littles, viz.

By Mr. Tyson, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to justices of the peace, in the city of Baltimore. Messel Tyson, Stricker and Stevens, were named a committee to present the bill.

By Mr. Crabb, An act relating to the register of the land of-By Mr. Crabb, An act relating to the register of the land of-fice for the western shore. Messrs. Crabb, Buchanan and Done, were named as a committee to prepare the bill. Mr. Crabb re-perted said bill; which, being twice read, by special order, and passed, was sent to the senate for concurrence. By Mr. Chapman, An set relative to the completion and in-spection of the public records. Messrs. Chapman, Rogerson and John Hughes, were named a committee to prepare the bill. Mr. Harlan delivered the following reports which was read-

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Mr. Harlan delivered the following reports which and laid on the table, viz.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John S. Maffitt, of Cecil county, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report—That they are of opinion that the prayer of your petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted. Therefore, Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore is hereby authorised and directed, to pay to John S. Maffitt, of Cecil county, or order, the sum of one hundred and twenty two delices and sighty-six cents, out of any unappropriated money

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now in the treasury.

By order,

The order submitted by Mr. Gough on the 24th ultimo, relative to Harris and Johnson's Reports, was taken up, read the se-cond time, considered and adopted. Mr. Stricker, from the committee therein mentioned, deliver-

d the following report; which was read, viz. The committee of ways and means, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the law of 1823, taxing certain offices, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that in their opinion the same should be repeal-

Jacob S. Smith, Com. Clk.

The house then, according to the order of the day, proceeded to consider the bill, reported by Mr. Speed, from the committee on gripvances and courts of justice, entitled, "An act to repeal an act, entitled. An act to tax certain offices," passed at Decem ber session 1823, and the act to explain and amend the same, passed at December session 1824; when, in the progress of the second reading thereof, on motion by Mr. Speed, the question was propounded. That the further consideration of said bill be postponed, and that it be laid on the table? Determined in the

negative.
The said hill having been read the second time, Mr. Teackle offered the following as a substitute therefor; which was read,

A supplement to the act, entitled, "An act to tax certain offices." Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if the several and respective officers, mentioned in the act to which this is a supplement, shall, on or before the first day of May next, and on or before the first day of May in every year thereafter; pay to the treasurer of the shore on which such rer may reside, the sum of money herein after mentioned, or in the proportion thereof agreeably to the time such officer shall have been in, or shall or may continue to remain in office, it nake the returns, or conform to the provisions of which this is a supplement, and the act, entitled, "An act to explain and amend the act, entitled, An act to tax certain offiexplain and amend the act, entitled, An act to tax certain omces;" that is to say, the clerk of the court of appeals for the
western shore — dollars; the clerk of the court of appeals for
the eastern shore, — dollars; the register in chancery—
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ty, — dollars; the clerk of Caroline county — dollars; the clerk of Dorchester county court — dollars; the register of wills for Dorchester county — dollars; the clerk of Somerset county court — dollars; the register of wills for Somerset county — dollars; the clerk of Worcester county court — dollars; the register of wills for Worcester county — dollars. And be it enacted. That in case the said officers, or any of them, shall at any time hereafter neglect or fail to pay the sums or sum of money respectively charged upon their or his office by said act to which this is a supplement, and the act, entitled, An act to explain and amend the act, entitled, An act to explain and amend the act, entitled, An act to tax certain offices, shall be and remain in full force and operation against the

said officers, or either of them, as the case may be.

And he it enerted. That so much of the section three of the act of December session 1823, chapter 146, as relates to the limitation of fifteen hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the tax of twenty-five per centum, shall be charged upon the gross receipts of each officer or officers, as shall neglect to comply with the provisions of this act.

And be it enacted. That nothing herein contained shall be con-

And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be con-strued to restrain the operation of the several acts herein before referred to as relates to the taxes due, or growing due, in virtue of the said acts, or to any liabilities incurred under the said sois. On motion by Mr. Teackle, the further consideration of both the bill and the substitute proposed, was then postponed, and the same were made the order of the day for Tuesday next, the 13th interest.

The bills of the following titles were this day severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate for concurrence,

Reported by Mr. Montgomery, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of lumber.

Reported by Mr. Tyson, An act to exempt the Baltimore
Atheneum from taxation; the passage of which bill, last mentioned, was recommended by the committee on ways and means, to hom the same had been referred.

On motion by Mr. Norris, the standing committee of rievances and courts of justice, (to whom was referred on the 22d altimo, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying the passage of a law to compensate jurors in cases of forcible entry and detainer, and who were also, by an order of this house of the 26th ultimo, requested to report a bill allowing jurors a per diem in such cases, was discharged from the further consideration thereof, and the subject was referred to a select committee, con sisting of Mesers, Norris, Barnes and Chapman,

The bill, reported by Mr. Janes, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better regulation of Apprentices, passed at November session 1793, was taken up for consideration, and in the progress of the second reading thereof, on motion by Mr. Janes, the blank in the second line of the second section of the bill was filled by the insertion of the words,

"three dollars, thirty-three and a third cents," After debate, on motion by Mr. Edward Hughes, the question was propounded, That the said bill be recommitted to the committee that reported it, for the purpose of amendment? Determined in the negative. The bill having been placed in the hands of the speaker, on motion by Mr. Edward Hughes, the question was then propounded. That the said bill be withdrawn from the shands of the chair, and that it be laid on the table? Resolved in the affirmative. The bill was accordingly withdrawn from the chair and laid on the table. the chair and laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. Banning, the following resolution was twice read, by special order, assented to, and sent to the senate for

concurrence, viz.
Resolved, That Thomas J. Bullitt, Robert H. Goldsborough and John M. G. Emory, Esquires, be and they are hereby ap-pointed to inspect the records of Talbot county court, and that and John M. G. Emory, Esquires, be and they are hereby apbe passed into a law. It is not be
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they, or any two of them, are requested to make report to the they, or any two or them, are requested to make report to the general assembly of Maryland, at their next session, of the state and condition of said records, specifying how many of them are in a bad or decayed state, and the probable cost of re cording anew, such as may require it, together with the binding of such as it would be advisable to have bound.

On motion by Mr. John W. Thomas, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of consider-ing the bill, reported by Mr. Tyson, entitled, An act to incor-porate a society in the city of Baltimore by the name of The In-dependent Order of Old Fellows of the state of Maryland; and after a short time spent therein, the committee rose, when Mr. Chapman, who had been called to the chair, reported said bil

The house then proceeded to consider the same, when on motion by Mr. Tyson, the further consideration of said bill was postponed, and it was made the order of the day

On motion by Mr. Stevens, it was Ordered, That the commit tee of claims pay to William M. Neir, one hundred dollars, or account of printing done for the legislature during the present

A message was received from the senate, by the clerk thereof returning the bill, entitled. An act to incorporate a company in the city of Baltimore, to be called The Independant Fire Company, endarsed, "will pass;" whereupon, it was Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

And also communicating bills of the following titles, that ori and also communicating ones of the following ginated in, and were passed by the senate. viz.

An act for the relief of Ann Gilder, of Queen-Anne's councy; which was read the first time, and referred to the committee

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An act relating to injunctions; which was read to anset the arest that, and referred to Messes. Peter, Stricker and Campbell. And, An act to authorise the sale of a part of the real estate of James W. L. Weems, late of Prince George's county, deceased; which was twice read, by special order, passed, and returned to

On motion by Mr. John W. Thomas, the bill, reported by M Hope, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the city of Baltimore to Havre-de-Grace, was made the order of the ay for Tuesday next the 13th instant.

day for Tuesday next the 18th instant.

The bill, reported by Mr. Peter, entitled, An act to alter and amend the third section of an act, entitled. An act respecting elections; being one of the orders of the day, was tuken up for consideration and read the second time; when on motion by Mr. Peach the further consideration thereof was postponed Friday next the 9th instant, and the bill was made the order of The bill reported by Mr. Norris, entitled, An act to diminish

the expenses on judicial proceedings, being also one of the or-ders of the day, was taken up for consideration; when on motion by Mr. Hall, the further consideration thereof was postponed, and it was ordered to lie on the table.

A second message was received from the senate, by the

clerk thereof, returning the bills that were sent from this house, of the following titles, viz.

An act for the benefit of Elizabeth Smith, of Washington

county. And An act to divorce Elizabeth Blakely, and her husband John Blakely, of Baltimore county; severally endorsed, "will pass.

An act relating to the register of the land office for the wes tern shore, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amend ments;" which amendments were read and severally assented to Whereupon, it was ordered, that the said bills be engrossed.

Also communicating a bill, that originated in, and passed the senate, entitled, An act for the benefit of Alfred H. Dashiell, and others of the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time, and referred to Messrs. Stricker, Buchanan and Stewart.

And the following message, with the bill therein mentioned and to which it relates; which was read, and is as follows, viz. By the Senate, February 1st, 1827. Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, The senate have received your message of the 29th ultimo, stating that you had rejected the bill, entitled. An act

to repeal an art, entitled, An act to repeal certain acts of assembly relative to amerciaments, and to lay a tax on plaintiffs who may institute suits at law, believing the same to be a money bill, which the constitution requires should originate in your house. While the bill was pending be fore the senate, the suggestion was made that it was a mo ney bill, but on due consideration it was thought otherwise. The senate conceive the expressions of the constitution "that the house of delegates may originate all money bills" applies exclusively to bills assessing, levying or taxes or supplies for the support of government, or the current expenses of the state, or appropriating money in the treasury, and not to incidental revenue derived from litigant parties in the courts of common law. The amercia-ment laws proposed to be revived by our bill, have never been considered in any other light than as imposing fines on certain persons in courts of law for prosecuting ground-

less suits, or for improperly resisting just demands, and fall within the provisions of the constitution which excludes from the definition of a "money bill," all bills "inflicting fines for the reformation of morals, or to enforce the execution of the laws, by which an incidental revenue may arise." From no construction of the constitution, we apprehend, can the present be viewed as a money bill. We hope on reconsideration, your honour all hody will concur with us, and pass the bill which we heretolore sent you.

ANNAPOLIS THURSDAY, FEB. 8, 1827.

Though the powers vested in the governor of this state by the con-stitution are few, we really da trus-that the bill submitted in the hour of delegates by Mr. Ridgay, to take from the executive the print of granting a nolle prosequi, will tive has been improperly exerci that we think it ought to be abolish. ed; but it is because we consider it a power which no government of there is can be anxious to retain. There is a power which no governor himself no privilege belonging to or exerci ed by a governor which exposes him to more reproach than the one is question. No matter how guilty a violator of the laws may be, it all most invariably happens, that he ias connexions, who, either from affection or family pride, make an active effort to screen him from prosecution. To effect this, the most pathetic appeals are made to the executive, backed by the friends, not of the offender only, but of the whole family. His cause is of course pourtrayed in the most favourable colours. No counter appeal being presented, the governor at length, wearied by prayers designed and calculated to awaken all his sympathies, yields to them. What it the consequence? Scarcely is the act of clemency promulgated, before the relatives and connexion of the injured party, and their friends, set up a clamour against the executive; and an act of mercy, which would be applauded in a man in private life, is recorded in the journals of the day, as a messure of injustice to society, when performed by one filling a public

station. Without taking any particula notice of the distinction amongst offenders, to which the possession of this power by the governor leads, there is one more reason why, is our opinion, it ought to be abolished, and this is, that it strips the law of half its terrors.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments have been made by the Governor and Council of this state: Ephraim K. Wilson, of Worces

r county, Associate Judge of the 4th judicial district, vice William Whittington, deceased.

Brice Selby. Clerk of Montgonery County Court, vice Mr. Beall, lecea-ed.

George G. Brewer, Register & the Western Shore Land-Office, viz John Brewer, deceased.

BILLS OF PUBLIC INTEREST Before the Legislature of Maryland.

NOLLE PROSEQUI. Mr. Ridgaway-A supplements the act declaring the power at the Governor in certain crimisal

Cases. This bill is designed to direct the governor of the power to gras out interfering in any manner whatever, with his right to pardon a commute punishments after ses tence has been pronounced.

INSPECTORS OF TOBACCO Mr. Gantt-An act to repri part of an act of assembly theres

mentioned.

The object of this bill is to a lish so much of the 4th section the act of November session 184 for the regulation of the inspects of tubacco, as requires the inspe tors to hold assessable property the state to the value of \$800. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. Norris—An act to diminist the expenses on Judicial Process Sec. 1. Provides that it shall

the duty of the respective clerks

the courts of appeals for the we tern and eastern shores, the rep ter of the court of chancery, est of the county clerks, and the court of Baltimore city court, to fursi at their own expense, durable book with us, and pass the bill which we licretofere sent you.

By order,

The house resumed the consideration of the unfinished business, in reference to the bill, reported by Mr. Brooke, entitled. An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways; passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-foor, chapter 171; and in the progress of the second reading thereof, on motion by Mr. Brooke, the titled, the words A supplement to, and after the word, act, the words, entitled an act.

The speaker having left the chair, it was at his request, occupied by Mr. Chapman; When,

Oa motion by the speaker, the said bill was recommitted to the committee that reported it for the purpose of amendment, viz. Messra Brooke, Chapman, Campbell, Compton and Du Val.

And on motion by Mr. Brooke, the said committee was enlarged to seven by, the addition thereto of Messra. Richard Thomas and Buchasan.

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Sec. 2. The said clerks and re-ter shall not record at full length proceedings in any action, deci-any vardict, or decree hereafter ndered in said courts, nor train-be into record books the minutes d short docket entries of any, tion, &c. verdict or decree, wheretion, ec. verdict or decree, where-the precedings were not requir-to be recorded at full length, as retofore prescribed by law, neith-shall said officers receive any therefor, or any compensation or the performance of duties,

dence; prov time of the and has be eretoforo created by any his hich by the provisions of this con hall be annufied or discontinues, scept in the cases specified in the th section of the .Act concerning he judgments and judicial pro-redings of the courts of justice in his state, and to provide for the ompletion of the records in cer-aia cases, passed December session 817, chap. 119, unless some per-817, chap. 119, unless some peroa interested therein, shall, in
writing, require the same to be
lose; but if any person shall require an official copy at full length
of such proceedings, verdict or decree, it shall be lawful for any lerk or register to grant and cerify the same, and the minutes of
the court, the entries in the dockets,
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which, and the term at which such which, and the term at which such proceeding, verdict or decree was reddered, and for making up a full length record thereof. The 8th. 9th and 10th sections of the act. the title of which is above recited in this section, to be repealed after the passage of this bill,

TO ABOLISH THE CHANCE. RY COURT, &c.

Mr. Tidball A bill to abolish the High Courb of Chancery, and Orphans Courts of this state, and to establish a more efficient system

of equity therein. Sec. 1. Abolishes the High Court of Chancery and the several Or-

phans Courts of this state.

Sec. 2. Directs the appearand council to appoint a thance for for each of the judicial districts of this state, who shall hold their offices draine good behaviour and be during good behaviour and be clothed, in their respective districts, with the same powers that the chancellor of the state now is.

Sec. 3. Designates the places, in the several districts at which the Editor

courts shall be held. Sec. 4. Authorises the governor and council to appoint a register son in for each court, who shall hold his it to be commission during good behaviour, of this and be entitled to the same fees re- his un ceival by the present register of

the high court of chancery. Sec. 5. The chancellors appointed under this act to fix four quarterly terms for their courts, to like be which process shall be made re- counte turnable. All process issuing out at all of said courts to be directed to the sheriff of the county in which the person to be served therefore resides. Sheriff neglecting to serve cause process shall be guilty of a con-tempt, and shall be dealt with by the chancellor as in other cases of receive contempt. The said courts to be toral

at all times in session. Sec. 6. Saits remaining unsettled in the high court of chancery three to be determined by the chancellor reaso proceedings in such suits may, at and the election of the complainant, be the election removed to the chancery court of in 18 any other district, in which the de- numb fendants or a majority of them may did a reside. The chancellor of the lat- |On t ter district to proceed to a final dis- and position of the case.

Sec. 7. Bills for the conveyance Jack or concerning the title to lands, &c. them to be filed in the court of the district in which the lands lie. Where the complaint is of a transitory for a the district in which the defendants

reside. &c. reside, &c.

Bec. 8. Abolishes the orphans courts, and clothes the registers of a per wills with the powers now exercised by asid courts. Appeal may be made from the decision of a register to the chancellor of his district, and from the decision of said chancellor to the court of appeals.

Bec. 9. The great seal of the state to be kepter the governor for the time being and to be affixed by him to all laws &c.

Bec. 10. If this act be confirmed, it shall be considered as a part of the consistence. Sec. 8. Abolishes the orphans

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Sec. 11. Repeals such parts of the Jac ation as are repugnant to or consistent with this bill-

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