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LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND
HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1834.
The clerk laid before the house the following letter from the honorable the Speaker:

Monday, February 3, 1834.
The House of Delegates, to the Honorable the Speaker, Sir: Permit me to ask your indulgence in granting me leave of absence until the last of the month.

With sentiments of high respect,
THOMAS WRIGHT, 5d.
On motion by Mr. Scott, the house proceeded to ballot for a speaker pro tempore; the members being collected at the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared that Richard J. Crabb, Esquire, had secured thirty-five votes, Thomas J. Blakiston, Esquire, thirty votes, and that there was a black ballot.

Mr. Schley presented a petition of John Harbaugh, Morgan M. Harbaugh and others, of Frederick county, praying the passage of a law for the better discipline and organization of the militia of the State. Also, presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Woodsboro' Saving Institution, praying a modification of its charter, passed at December session, 1832, chapter 246.

Also, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying the passage of a law, supplementary to an act to incorporate the Frederick and Woodsboro' Turnpike Road Company. Also, presented a memorial of Joshua Hager, Isaac Walker and others, farmers and mechanics of Frederick county, praying to abolish the general inspection of flour in the city of Baltimore, by repealing the act of 1811, ch. 209.

Mr. Lantz presented a petition of Mary Ann Ball of Allegany county, praying to be divorced from her husband Jacob Ball.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of Julian Ball, praying a final divorce from her husband William B. Donaldson.

Mr. Jones of Baltimore city, presented a petition of Thomas W. Goldman, of the city of Baltimore, praying that he may be divorced from his wife Emeline Goldman, a widow.

Mr. Wright of Dor. presented a petition of Henry Collins, of Dorchester county, praying for compensation for the loss of the services of a negro boy who was sentenced to penitentiary by the judges of Dorchester county.

Mr. Perrey presented a petition of Eber Cole, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency. Also, presented a memorial of Joseph J. and others of the city of Baltimore, praying that the act of 1829, chapter 151, in relation to slaves and headings, may be repealed.

Mr. Carter of Car. presented a petition of Wright of James, praying for a law to bring him into this state a negro person mentioned.

Mr. Sutton presented a petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, praying the state grant a sum of money for certain purposes mentioned.

Mr. Hamrickhouse presented a petition of John Hager, Andrew Hogmire and others, millers of Washington county, praying to abolish the general inspection of flour in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes therein stated.

Mr. Lantz presented a petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, praying for a special law permitting Doctor Lewis F. Klips to practice medicine, &c. in said county, and charge and recover for the same as do physicians have the right to do.

Mr. Moore presented a petition of 280 citizens of Harford county, praying the repeal of an act, passed at December session, 1831, entitled, an act for the preservation of the soil in the waters of Swann Creek, Ramney Creek, Bush River, and Gunpowder Neck, in Harford county.

Mr. Unkefer presented a petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying for an act to alter and repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the division of Frederick county into Election Districts, and for other purposes therein stated.

On motion by Mr. Berry, leave was given to bring in a bill, amendatory, relative to the division of the school fund of Allegany county, as a substitute for the bill rejected by the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Palmer, leave was given to bring in a bill supplementary to the act, for founding a college in the city of Frederick, passed at December session, 1829, chapter 246.

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Mr. Perrey presented a petition of Henry Martin of the city of Baltimore, praying permission to remain in the State and enjoy the same privileges as other free persons of colour possess and enjoy.

And, Mr. Sellman presented a petition of Richard Brown, of Westmoreland county, Virginia, praying for the passage of a law to empower him to move from Maryland to Virginia and from Virginia to Maryland, certain servants whose term of servitude has not expired.

Mr. Fassitt presented a petition of Margaret Green, of Worcester county, praying for support.

Mr. Wharton presented a petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying the passage of a law to prevent the killing of fox and deer hounds.

Mr. Unkefer presented a petition of William Shipley, Jr. and others, of Westminster in Frederick county, praying for an act appointing commissioners to lay out and open an alley in the town of Westminster.

Mr. Wharton presented a petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying that Patrick McGinley may be paid for his services, as express, during the riot on the line of the canal near Williamsport.

Mr. Price presented a petition of sundry citizens of the first Election District in Baltimore county, praying that the place of holding elections in said district may be changed.

Mr. Ely presented a petition of sundry citizens of the first election district in Baltimore county, counter to the petition, praying that the place of holding the election in said district may be changed.

On motion by Mr. Lantz, leave was given to bring in a bill to increase the allowance now made by law to any person seizing and taking up runaway servants or slaves in this State on any other state.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, leave was granted to the committee on internal improvement to sit during the session of the house.

Mr. Lantz reported a bill for better allowance and payment of witnesses in Allegany county.

And, Mr. Wright, of Dorchester, reported a bill to authorize and empower the levy court of Dorchester county to levy a sum of money on the assessable property of said county, for the relief of Salisbury Collins.

Which were severally read the first and second time by special order, passed and sent to the Senate.

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Mr. Palmer from the committee to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled, an act to repeal part of an act to make valid a deed from Grafton Duvall and Elizabeth W. Duvall his wife, to Alexander Thomas Hawkins Duvall, passed at December session 1831, made a favourable report thereon.

The said bill was then read a second time by special order, passed and returned to the Senate.

Mr. Roberts from the committee to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled, a supplement to the act, to direct the court of Queen Anne's county to authorize the sale of the real estate of Mark Benton, deceased, made a favourable report thereon.

The house then proceeded to take up for consideration the bill reported by Mr. Burchenal, entitled, an act to extend real estate, being the order of the day.

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Which was read a second time, amended, and passed.

The clerk of the Senate returned the bill to extend the powers of the chancery court and courts, as courts of Equity, endorsed, 'will pass with the proposed amendments.'

And, delivered a bill originating in and passed by the Senate, entitled, a supplement to the act, passed at December session, 1831, to authorize the making a General Alphabetical Index of the Land Records of Baltimore county, from the year 1799 inclusive, and to keep up such index henceforth.

The speaker laid before the house the proceedings of a meeting of the citizens of the western part of Maryland, convened at the public square in the town of Cumberland, on the 1st of February, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of devising measures for the early completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

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Which was read a second time, amended, and passed.

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On motion by Mr. M. F. Smith, the house took up for consideration the bill reported by him to repeal an act to provide for the repairs of the public roads in Calvert county, passed at December session, 1834, ch. 225.

The said bill was then read a second time and passed.

The bill reported by Mr. Moores, entitled, an act relating to the public lots in the Town of Bel-Air, in Harford county, was taken up for consideration.

The said bill was then read the second time, amended, and passed.

On motion by Mr. Merrick the house took up for consideration the bill reported by him, as chairman of the committee on Internal Improvement, entitled, an act supplementary to an act, entitled, an act to incorporate the Baltimore and Ohio Road Company.

The said bill was then read a second time and passed.

The house then adjourned.

Thursday, February 6th, 1834.
On motion by Mr. Snowden, leave was granted to the committee on internal improvement, to sit during the session of the house.

On motion by Mr. Blakiston, the house reconsidered the bill reported by Mr. F. Smith, to repeal an act to provide for the repairs of the public roads, in Calvert county, passed at December session, 1832, chapter 225.

The said bill was then read a second time, amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Perrey presented a petition of John Melvin, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be divorced from his wife Eleanor Melvin.

Mr. Palmer presented a petition of Jacob Crise, of Frederick county, praying for a divorce from his wife Magdalen.

And Mr. Sifford presented a petition of Christina Selson, of Frederick county, praying to be divorced from her husband Daniel Selson.

Mr. Brewer presented a memorial of a number of citizens of Annapolis, praying for the erection of a monument in honour of the late Charles Carroll, of Carrollton.

Mr. Burchenal presented a petition of James H. Fountain and others, citizens of the village of Hillsborough, in Caroline county, praying to extend the powers of the commission of said village.

Mr. Sutton presented a petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, praying for a supplement to the act passed at December session 1832, for the preservation of wild fowl, in the waters of Swann Creek, Spisutic Narrows, Rumney Creek, Bush River, and Gunpowder River.

And, Mr. Nelson presented a petition of sundry citizens of the said county, on the same subject.

Mr. Mann presented a petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying the passage of an act to prevent the running of beer, with brand done.

And, also presented a petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying the passage of a law chartering a Turnpike Road Company, as therein expressed.

Mr. Perrey presented a memorial of the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike Road Company, praying that no relief be granted to the Susquehanna Rail Road Company, but upon the express condition that they abandon all design of going to Westminster, &c.

Mr. Palmer presented a petition of sundry citizens of Frederick and Washington counties, praying for a law to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road to commence at Smith town in Washington county, to Frederick town in Frederick county.

Mr. Sifford presented a petition of Thomas Solom, Daniel Roddrick and others, citizens of Frederick county, praying for the passage of an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road, to commence at Smith town in Washington county, to Frederick town in Frederick county.

Mr. Unkefer presented a petition of A. Kimmel, Henry Nelson and others, citizens of Frederick county, praying that the general inspection office of flour, in the city of Baltimore, may be abolished, and for other purposes therein stated.

Mr. Long presented a petition of Col. Levin Pollett, of Somerset county, praying leave to manumit negro Lewis, without requiring said negro to leave the State.

The speaker laid before the house a memorial from the justices of the Levy Court of Prince George's county, praying for an increase of their compensation.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Baltimore city, leave was given to bring in a bill, to provide for holding on the same day throughout the State the elections for choosing delegates to the General Assembly, sheriffs, commissioners of the respective counties, representatives in Congress, electors of the Senate and electors of President and Vice-President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Baltimore city, leave was given to bring in a bill for the repairing of streets, lanes and alleys, in the city of Baltimore.

On motion by Mr. Jones, of Baltimore city, leave was given to bring in a bill, to establish the Richmond market.

On motion by Mr. Larimore, leave was given to bring in a bill to alter and change the name of John Pritch, a minor of Queen Anne's county, to that of John Milner Story.

On motion by Mr. Long, leave was given to bring in a further supplement to an act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing Free Schools, in the several counties therein mentioned.

Mr. Carter, of Montgomery, reported a bill, for the benefit of Patty Brookes, of Montgomery county; which was read the first and second time, by special order, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Schley, reported a supplement to the act, to incorporate the Frederick and Woodsboro' Turnpike Road Company, passed 9th of March, 1833.

And, Mr. Merrick from the select committee, reported a bill, to provide for the appointment of district and ward justices, in the several counties and cities of this State, and to regulate the proceedings of justices of the peace.

Mr. Jones, of Baltimore city, reported a bill to establish the Richmond Market.

Mr. Johns, chairman of the committee on divorces, reported a bill to divorce Frances Id. Sicard, of the city of Baltimore, from her husband Jean A. Sicard.

Mr. Johns chairman of the said committee, also reported a bill to divorce Mary Ann Ball, of Allegany county, from her husband Jacob Ball.

Mr. Jones, of Baltimore city, reported a bill for the repairing of streets, lanes and alleys, in the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Ridgely reported a supplement to an act to incorporate a company to make a Turnpike road from such point as the Somerset and Cumberland Turnpike company of Pennsylvania, shall fix upon at the Pennsylvania line, to the place where the United States road, commonly called the National road, at such point as may be most convenient and practicable.

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Which said bills were severally read the first and second time by special order, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Berry reported a bill to distribute the school fund in Allegany county.

Mr. Ely from the committee to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled, a supplement to the act passed at December session 1831, chap. 86, to authorize the making a General Alphabetical Index of the Land Records of Baltimore county, from the year 1799, inclusive, and to keep up such index henceforth, made a favourable report thereon.

The said bill was then read a second time by special order, passed and returned to the Senate.

The clerk of the Senate returned the bill to condemn a lot of land, for the repair of a public causeway at Crather's ferry, in Dorchester county, endorsed 'will pass' ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the bill to incorporate the Baltimore Savings Institution, endorsed 'will pass with the proposed amendments', which amendments were read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the bill to build a bridge over North East creek, near North East, in Cecil county, on the m. in road leading from North East to Charles town, endorsed, 'will pass with the proposed amendments, which amendments were read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

And, the resolution in favour of Henry Crook, a revolutionary soldier, endorsed 'dis-sented from'.

And, delivered a bill, originated in and passed by the Senate, entitled, An act to appoint Commissioners for certain purposes.

Also, a bill to provide for building a new court house, in the town of Cumberland in Allegany county.

On motion by Mr. Pratt, the house proceeded to take up for consideration the order of the day, being the bill from the Senate, entitled, a further supplement to an act relating to free negroes and slaves.

The said bill having been read a second time, and amendments, the question was put 'shall the bill pass?' It was resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the Senate returned the resolution relative to the passage of the members of the Legislature, endorsed, 'assented to' ordered to be engrossed.

And, the resolution in favour of Richard H. Miles, administrator of Clement Mattingly, former collector of Saint Mary's county, endorsed, dissented from.

And, delivered a bill originated in and passed by the Senate, entitled, a supplement to an act, for founding a college near Emmittsburg, in Frederick county, passed at December session, 1829, ch. 167.

Also, a bill, to authorize the location and establishment of Fall's Avenue, in Baltimore.

The house then adjourned.

Friday, February 7th, 1834.

Mr. Hamrickhouse presented a petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, farmers and land holders, praying for an act to regulate fences in said county.

Mr. Mann presented a petition of sundry citizens of Boonsborough, in Washington

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LYNDE ELLIOTT.

Oct. 24.
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love, will confer a favour on the Editor,
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Anne Arundel County, Sec.
On application of Jethro Lynch Smith
of the county aforesaid, by petition in
writing, stating to me, the subscriber, Chief
of the Orphans Court of Anne Arundel
County, that he is in custody of one of the
children of the county aforesaid for debt, and
praying for the benefit of the insolvent law
of this State, a schedule of his property, and
a list of his creditors, on oath, as far as
ascertain them, being annexed to his petition,
and the said Jethro Lynch Smith having
affirmed by competent testimony that he
served two years next preceding the time of
application within the State of Maryland,
I having appointed Beale Gaither trustee
of the property of the said Jethro Lynch
Smith, and the said trustee having given
bond, with security, approved by me, for his
faithful performance of his said trust, and
said trustee being in possession of all the
property of the said insolvent debtor, and
the said Jethro Lynch Smith having also given
bond, with security approved by me, for his
appearance before the Judges of Anne Arundel
County court on the third Monday in the
next, to answer such interrogatories as may
be propounded to him, by any of his creditors,
and to answer such allegations as may be
made against him by any of his creditors, and
said Jethro Lynch Smith, having taken the
oath before me, as prescribed by the said
Laws for the delivery of his property, I
am therefore to certify, That I have
granted a personal discharge to the said
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