

might seem expedient to extend, endorsed, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates;

Also, a communication from the secretary of the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike Road Company, containing an abstract of the accounts of said company, endorsed, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates;

Also, a petition of John Stoner and others, in relation to a certain road therein mentioned, endorsed, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The house then resumed the consideration of the bill reported by Mr. Simmons, from the committee on inspections, entitled, a supplement to an act to establish State Warehouses in the city of Baltimore.

On motion of Mr. Hughes, a bill was amended by striking out in the first line, first section, the word "encloments";

On motion of Mr. Parran, said bill was further amended by adding at the end thereof, as an additional section, the following:

And be it enacted, That the salary of the State Tobacco Inspectors shall be twelve hundred dollars per annum, each.

On motion of Mr. Hopewell, said bill was further amended by adding at the end thereof, as an additional section, the following:

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the Inspectors of the several State Tobacco Warehouses aforesaid, shall keep a separate list for each county, of the number of hogheads of tobacco brought into and inspected by them in their respective warehouses, and report the same to the General Assembly of Maryland, annually.

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

The clerk of the senate returned the bill to condemn and make public "Cemetery Avenue," as now opened in the city of Baltimore;

Also, the supplement to an act to establish State Warehouses in the city of Baltimore;

Also, the bill to confer certain powers over the lot of ground therein mentioned, upon James H. McCulloch, of the city of Baltimore;

Several endorsed, "will pass," and the bills severally ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the further supplement to the act for the preservation and repair of that part of the United States Road within the limits of the State of Maryland, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;"

And, delivered a bill originated in and passed by the senate, entitled, an act to divorce Horatio R. Merryman, of the State of Maryland, from his wife Sarah A. Merryman.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 9th.

Mr. Williams presented a petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, relative to damages done to certain property.

Mr. Williams also presented a petition of Mrs. Mary Bond and John McKenny, of Harford county, authorizing them to manumit the two negroes therein mentioned.

Also, a memorial of Alexander Norris and others, advocating the petition of Mrs. Mary Bond and J. McKenny.

Mr. Townsend, a petition of Elizabeth Williams, of Worcester county, praying to be divorced from her husband Thomas N. Williams.

Mr. Geyer, a petition of Samuel Ogle, of Frederick county, praying remuneration for one hundred and four dollars, paid by him to a company of soldiers under his command during the late war.

Mr. Shower, a petition of William McIlvain and others, of Carroll county, praying that a law may be passed authorizing the commissioners of Baltimore county, to levy a sum of money sufficient to pay the arrears due them, for services rendered as district justices, before the establishment of Carroll county.

Mr. Ornick, a petition of William Jessop and others, praying for an additional appropriation to complete the bridge at Tyson's Mills.

Mr. Biser, a memorial signed by forty citizens of Frederick county, praying that the law of 1798, ch. 105, incorporating the Medical Faculty of Maryland, may be repealed.

Mr. Boon, a petition of Thomas Slaughter, of the State of Delaware, praying the passage of an act authorizing him to bring into this State certain negroes therein mentioned.

Mr. Powder, a petition of sundry citizens of Manchester, in Carroll county, praying the passage of a supplement to an act, passed Dec. session 1834, ch. 193.

Mr. Parker, a petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying for the extension of the Eastern Shore Rail Road to a point on the Pennsylvania line therein mentioned.

Mr. White, a petition of John Neely, of Montgomery county, praying permission to remove certain slaves from the State of Virginia into this State.

Mr. Gallagher, a memorial of Wm. R. Sheffield, praying to be divorced from his wife Mary Elizabeth Sheffield, and

Mr. Roberts, a petition of Wm. Start, of Queen Anne's county, praying to be divorced from his wife Catherine Start.

Mr. Tall, a petition of John B. Robinson, of Dorchester county, praying that a law may be passed empowering the orphans' court of said county to take his bond as guardian to his step-daughter.

Mr. Giles, a petition of Dabney S. Carr, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be permitted to retain in this State the negro girl, a slave for life, therein mentioned.

Mr. Williams obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to abolish, in the State of Maryland, the law of Imprisonment for Debt.

Mr. Dawson, chairman of the committee on insolvency, reported a bill, for the benefit of John Clippingier, of Washington county;—And Mr. Blocher reported a bill, to make valid the

election of Jonathan Rinehart as a county commissioner of Allegany county.

Which were severally read the first, and by a special order the second time, and passed.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, to lay out and open a new road in Cecil county.

Also, the bill, for building a bridge over Little Elk creek, near the Rock meeting house, in Cecil county, severally endorsed, "will pass," and the bills severally ordered to be engrossed.

The house then resumed the consideration of the resolutions relative to the establishment of a National Foundry.

The said resolutions were then read the second time by special order.

Mr. Simmons moved to amend said resolutions by striking out all the preamble after the word "legislature," in the sixth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"There are sites on the navigable waters of this State, possessing all the advantages which are deemed necessary to such an establishment, combining healthfulness and great facility in procuring the raw material from the mineral resources of Maryland and other States, and in transport up the same when manufactured; and which are also well protected against foreign invasion and attack in time of war—therefore;"

Strike out in the first resolution, all after the word "Foundry," and insert "at some suitable place within the limits of this State."

Which was read.

Mr. Williams called for a division of the question, which was put on striking out,—and determined in the negative.

The bill reported by Mr. Williams, directing that the rules of the several courts in this State, be published for the information of the people,—and

The bill reported by Mr. Ornick to authorize the commissioners of Baltimore county, to build a bridge over the Great Falls of Gunpowder.

Were severally taken up for consideration, read the second time and severally passed.

Mr. Alexander, chairman of the committee on ways and means, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore, be and he is hereby directed to pay to each member of the council to the Governor elected during the present session, the sum of three hundred dollars current money, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, in lieu of all other compensation for their official services.

Which was read the first and by special order the second time.

Mr. Turner, of Balt. county, moved to amend said resolution by striking out "three," and inserting in lieu thereof "two hundred and fifty;"

Mr. Grason moved to lay said resolution on the table.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 10th.

Mr. Forwood presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Havre de Grace, in Harford county, praying that the commissioners of said town may be authorized to sell a piece of ground therein mentioned.

Mr. Mann, a petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying the passage of an act authorizing the commissioners of said county, to build a bridge over the Antietam creek.

Mr. Hughes, a petition of sundry citizens residing in the vicinity of Patuxent river, praying the protection of the State for their persons and property against the lawless conduct of the oystermen frequenting said river.

Mr. Simmons, a petition of Barbara Ruark, of Anne Arundel county, praying that she may receive the pension allowed to her late husband, James Ruark, a revolutionary soldier.

Mr. Mann, a petition of Leonard Smaltzer, of Washington county, praying the Legislature to pass a resolution requiring the county to pay him a certain sum of money.

Mr. Sollers, a petition of Thomas Mead, of Calvert county, praying to be divorced, a vinculo matrimonii, from his wife Sophia Mead.

Mr. Hillen, a petition of Julia Ann Becker, praying to be divorced from her husband J. H. Becker.

Mr. Parker, a petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying the passage of an act to authorize the commissioners of Cecil county, to levy a sum of money for the purpose of building a bridge over Back creek.

Mr. Hillen, a memorial of sundry citizens of the city of Baltimore, praying an alteration in the laws regulating the inspection of lime.

Mr. Ely submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the judges of the several county courts, and of Baltimore city court, be and they are hereby required to report to this house, whether they gave in special charge to the grand juries of their respective courts, at the last term thereof, the act passed at December session, 1820, chap. 150, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act to prevent the issuing of small bank notes, as required by the provisions of said act; and also, whether any bills of indictment were found by any of the grand juries as aforesaid, under the provisions of said act.

Which was twice read.

On the question being put, will the house adopt said order,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Williams submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the trustees having the management of the broken Bank of Maryland, have, in the exercise of their trust, advertised for public sale many hundred shares of the nominal capital stock of said bank; and whereas, there may be some persons who might erroneously suppose that the charter of said insolvent and ruined institution, will continue to be in force and have

perpetual existence, notwithstanding the repeated and gross violations of said charter, on the part of said corporation,—and such persons might under the supposition aforesaid, be led to buy the said stock at a rate higher than they would otherwise do,—and it being proper, under such circumstances, that a decided expression of the sense of the Legislature, with respect to said charter, should not be withheld.

1st. Be it therefore resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Bank of Maryland has forfeited its charter forever; that the said insolvent corporation is hereby pronounced to be dissolved; and that the act, entitled, "an act to establish a Bank in Baltimore Town," incorporating "the President and Directors of the Bank of Maryland," and every act supplementary thereto, are hereby declared to be null and void; Provided always, that nothing contained herein, shall be construed to deprive the trustees aforesaid, or such persons as the Chancellor of Maryland may appoint to be their successors in said trust, of power and authority to settle and wind up, under the supervision and direction of the Chancellor, the concerns of said insolvent institution.

2d. And be it resolved, That it shall be, and it is hereby declared and made to be, upon the application of any of the creditors of said bank, the duty of the Chancellor to compel the said trustees to call, by public advertisement, a general meeting of the creditors of said institution, to take place in the city of Baltimore, within forty days after the date of such first application; which general meeting may, by the vote of a majority assembled adjourn from day to day; and the Chancellor shall also require of said trustees, that at such general meeting, they shall render a full account of their doings under the said trust, to that time; and that they shall exhibit to the creditors so assembled, all the books and papers of said institution, which the said creditors, or a majority of them, may call for, together with an accurate statement of all sums and values collected or received by said trustees, or either of them, as well as of the sums by them disbursed, and showing for what purposes disbursed.

3d. And be it resolved, That if, in order to enforce the declaration and provisions contained in the first one of these resolutions, it should at any time become necessary to have recourse to proceedings at law or in equity, the Governor is hereby instructed to order the same, and to employ competent counsel to assist the Attorney General in the instituting and prosecuting thereof.

Which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Ely, said resolutions were read the second time by a special order.

Mr. Bowie moved to refer said resolutions to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Williams moved to amend the motion by adding, with instructions to enquire and report whether the Susquehanna Bridge and Bank Company has not likewise violated its obligations and forfeited its charter."

Resolved in the affirmative.

The said motion was then adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. McDaniel,

The house adjourned until Monday morning, ten o'clock.

MONDAY, February 12th.

Mr. Witmer presented two petitions signed by David Kemp, Joshua Doup, and sundry other citizens of Frederick county, praying that the law incorporating The Medical Faculty of Maryland, may be repealed.

Mr. Parker, a petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying the passage of an act to prevent Horse Racing in public roads of said county.

Mr. Townsend, a petition of sundry citizens of Salisbury and its vicinity, counter to a petition to repeal a law passed at December session 1835.

Mr. Carroll, a petition of sundry citizens of Princess Ann, in Somerset county, praying the passage of an act to incorporate the Franklin School.

Mr. Ent, a petition of sundry ladies of the city of Frederick, praying the passage of an act to incorporate the Trustees for the Orphan House and Episcopal Free School Society of All Saints Church, in said city.

Mr. Turner, of Baltimore county, a petition sundry citizens of Baltimore county, praying for the construction of a bridge over the Gunpowder Falls, at or near William Hoffman's paper mill, in said county.

Mr. Ornick, a petition of Priscilla Sutch, of Baltimore county, praying to be placed on the pension roll of said county.

Mr. Selby, a petition of Jesse Holland, and his wife Jane Holland, free people of colour, praying to be permitted to remove into this State.

Mr. Kerr, a petition of sundry citizen of Talbot county, praying the repeal of the act of 1825, ch. 162, and the act of 1833, ch. 251, supplementary thereto.

And Mr. Tall, a petition of sundry citizens of Dorchester county, praying the opening and making public a road therein mentioned.

On motion of Mr. Biser,

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore be requested to report to this house the amount of money expended in the controversy with Virginia respecting the Western Boundary of this State, with the sums paid each person.

The bill reported by Mr. Williams, entitled, an act to repeal an act therein mentioned, and to give to all the voters of Harford county an equal voice in electing their county commissioners.

Was taken up for consideration, read the second time.

On the question being put, shall the said bill pass, it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Ristean obtained leave to bring in a bill making the judges of the judiciary of the State ineligible to fill any office of profit or trust during their term of service as judges.

Mr. Carroll obtained leave to bring in a bill, to abolish capital punishments in this State.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, to divorce Elizabeth Jay, of Washington county, from her husband William Jay.

Also, the bill, to alter and change the division line between the fourth and fifth election districts of Allegany county, severally endorsed, "will pass," and the bills severally ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the bill, to incorporate the order of United Brothers of Baltimore, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments."

Which amendments were assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill reported by Mr. Giles, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act to regulate gates in Kent county, passed May session, 1830, ch. 257,—and

And the bill reported by Mr. Selby, entitled, an act to regulate the compensation of judges of the orphan court and judges of the levy court of Worcester county.

Which were severally read the first, and second time, and passed.

The house then proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, being the resolutions from the senate relative to the Currency of the United States.

Mr. Townsend moved to postpone said resolutions until Wednesday next, the 14th inst.

Mr. Biser moved to postpone said resolutions until the first Wednesday of October next.

Mr. Sollers moved to lay said resolutions on the table.

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Giles,

The house took up for consideration the report submitted by Mr. Alexander, chairman of the committee on ways and means, on the 8th inst., upon the order of the house, to enquire whether the State is bound in law or equity, by any subscription on her behalf, to the capital stock of any of the internal improvement companies mentioned in the act of May session, 1836, chap. 395, made under colour of the provisions thereof, and whether the General Assembly can lawfully repeal or modify the provisions of that act.

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

Mr. Giles submitted the following resolution,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the subscriptions to the capital stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and to the capital stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, made by the Treasurer of this State, in pursuance of the provisions of the act of 1835, ch. 395, are, and is hereby acknowledged to be binding upon the State, and that her faith is pledged to the fulfilment of the obligations thereby created.

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time.

Mr. Ely moved to lay said resolution on the table.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, for the relief of John Beard, Jr. collector of the tax for the first collection district in Anne Arundel county.

Also, a supplement to an act, to incorporate the citizens of Taney-town, in Carroll county, severally endorsed "will pass," and the bills severally ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the bill, for the relief of William Rampley, of Harford county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments."

Which amendments were severally read the first, and second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the bill, to divorce Rachel Harding, of the city of Baltimore from her husband John H. Harding, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment"

Which amendment was read and assented to.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 13th.

Mr. Dawson presented a petition of sundry citizens of Montgomery county, praying additional compensation to constables.

Mr. Witmer, a petition of two hundred ladies of Washington county, praying that the act of 1798, ch. 105, incorporating the Medical Faculty of Maryland, may be repealed.

Mr. Higgins, a petition of sundry taxable citizens of the 4th election district of Anne Arundel county, praying the passage of a law extending the county levy to a sum sufficient to pay the expenses of primary schools in said county.

Mr. Giles, a petition of James R. Bounds, and Sarah Ann, his wife, praying to be permitted to change the limitations in a deed of trust therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

Mr. Maulby, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying that the commissioners of Harford county may be compelled to carry into effect the act of 1830, for building a bridge over Wither's Run.

Mr. Simmons, a memorial of the corporation of the city of Annapolis, in relation to the public buildings.

Mr. Giles, a memorial of Ashton Alexander, Thomas F. Bond, and others, physicians of the city of Baltimore, praying for a repeal of the act of 1825, relating to the University of Maryland, and for other purposes.

Mr. Giles, also a memorial of sundry citizens of the city of Baltimore, praying that the supplement to the law of the last session of the legislature relating to the measurement of anthracite and bituminous coal may not pass.

Mr. Ford, a petition of Edmund B. Plowden, of St. Mary's county, praying indemnity for the loss of a horse in the State service, during the late war.

Mr. Maulby, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying that summary remedies may be provided by law for injuries sustained by fire from Rail Road engines passing through said county.

Mr. Evans, a petition of sundry citizens of Harford

and Cecil counties, praying the passage of a law providing a more speedy mode than now exists, for locating and recovering from said Rail Road companies the property of individuals, by fire communicated there to by sparks from Rail Road engines.

Mr. Williams reported a bill, entitled, an act to establish in the State of Maryland, the law of Imprisonment for debt.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill to direct the Mayor of the city of Baltimore, from the wife Mary Ann McMillon, endorsed, "will pass," and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the bill to make valid the election of Jonathan Rinehart, as a county commissioner of Allegany county, endorsed, "will not pass."

Mr. Causin obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, an act to amend the constitution and form of government of the State of Maryland.

The house then resumed the consideration of the motion of Mr. Biser, to reconsider the vote of the house of yesterday, upon the report submitted by Mr. Alexander, chairman of the committee on ways and means, on the 8th inst., to enquire whether the State is bound in law or equity, by any subscription on her behalf, to the capital stock of any of the internal improvement companies mentioned in the act of May session 1836, ch. 395, and under colour of the provisions thereof, and whether the General Assembly can lawfully repeal or modify the provisions of that act;

After some time spent in debate, and pending the motion,

Mr. Roberts moved that the house adjourn; Determined in the negative.

Mr. Grason moved that the house adjourn; Resolved in the affirmative.

The house accordingly adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

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ANNAPOLIS: Thursday, February 15, 1837.

THE REFORM BILL PASSED.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to amend the Constitution and Form of Government of the State of Maryland, passed at December Session 1836, ch. 197, was read in the House of Delegates the second time, on Tuesday, and passed by the following vote—

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Tuck, Speaker, Ford, Crane, McDaniel, Usilton, Welch, Gale Brown, Higgins, Simmons, Orrick, Ristean, Ely, Turner, of Balt. Kerr, Denny, Boyle, of Tal. Jump, of Tal. Jones, Adams, Lemmon, Eccleston, Goldstrough, Tall, Parker, Comegys, Evans, Simpser, Bowie, Ghiselin, Alexander, Grason, Roberts, Harrison, Wilmer, Townsend, Selby, Hearn, Powell, Biser, Geyer, Ent, Cramer, Williams, Forwood, Nelson, Maulby, Carter, Boon, Jamp, of Car. Giles, Hulen, Gallagher, Mann, Swingley, Rentsch, Witmer, Griffith, White, Dawson, N. F. Blocher, Huddleson, Sprigg, Boyle, of Car. Shower, Berret, Powder—69.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Hopewell, Causin, Sollers, Farrag, Duke, Kent, Beall, Hughes, Carpenter, Matthews—10.

Before the question was taken on the said bill, Mr. Sollers presented and read the following protest, which on his motion, is entered on the journal:

Against the passage of the bill now under consideration, we, two of the Delegates from Calvert county, enter this our solemn protest. We protest against all and every change in the present Constitution. We regard the proposed reform in that instrument as an experiment, the good results of which are at least doubtful. We believe that experiments in forms of government are dangerous alike to the happiness, prosperity and liberties of the people, and productive of a restless spirit that spurns any form of government, however mild, and however safely it may guard the best interests of the people.

Every page of history abounds in illustrations that tend to establish the wisdom of the maxim, "that governments should not be changed for slight and trivial causes." We believe the present constitution to be the of the purest patriotism and the profoundest wisdom—we regret the almost total extinction of the one, and we lament that the other is most generally used to promote selfish and ambitious purposes.

We, therefore, believe that a constitution formed at a period when we are rent by political factions and party feuds, cannot be so perfect and so well adapted to the wants and wishes of the people as that which was framed at a time when all united, without political distinction, in the formation of an instrument which should best secure the interest and welfare of the people of this State.

We, therefore, protest against the passage of this bill, which seeks to remodel an instrument consecrated by the wisdom and patriotism of our ancestors, and which has secured to every citizen of this State every right which freemen should ask, or ought to enjoy.

AUGUSTUS R. SOLLERS, NATHANIEL DUKE.

For the Maryland Gazette.

It seems to be thought by some that the salaries given to our public men are too low, and that better salaries would give us better officers. I think otherwise. In no State in the Union are the public officers more in demand than in Maryland, and while this is the case an increase of salaries would be of no benefit to the community. The applicants are sufficiently numerous in all conscience, and nobody can pretend that if the salaries were increased the same men would not be equally anxious to obtain them, and the same influence would not be exerted to procure the appointment of the same men. It most unfortunately has not been the fashion in Maryland to appoint men because they suit the office, but simply because the office suits them. In former days it was thought that officers were created for the good of the com-

munally, and ought to be held—Now other things are given to men, and they are not held.

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