

The report on the petition of Peregrine Bantham, of Kent county, was read the second time, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The report on the petition of Thomas Stallings, and others, of Allegany county, was read the second time, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The bill from the senate, entitled, An act for the sale of the Baltimore dancing assembly rooms, was read the second time and passed.

The bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy the sums of money for the persons therein mentioned; the further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for building a bridge over the river Susquehanna; and the bill for the relief of James Lee Morgan of Harford county, were severally read the second time and passed.

The bill annulling the marriage of Levi Hutton and Elizabeth Hutton, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

The bill for the benefit of Mary Comegys and others, was read the second time and passed.

The bill from the senate, entitled, An act for the temporary relief of the poor in the several counties in this state, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill to authorise the drawing of a lottery or lotteries in the city of Baltimore to build a Masonic Hall for Washington Lodge No. 3 in that part of said city known and distinguished by the name of Fell's point; the bill for the benefit of the devisees of James Calhoun; the bill authorising Joseph Darden, late collector of Talbot county, to complete his collections; the bill to appoint trustees for the sale of the real estate of Samuel Robertson, late of Montgomery county, deceased; and the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to make public an old road leading from South river church to intersect the Annapolis road to West river, were severally read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Prather, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to continue in force the several acts of assembly that will expire with the present session of the assembly. Ordered, That Messrs. Prather, Blakistone and Howard, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 31, 1817.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The bill authorising and requiring the governor and council to contract with the registers of the land-office on each shore for making out such indexes as are therein prescribed. The bill vesting in the levy courts of the several counties in this state the power of opening, straightening and amending, the public roads in their respective counties; the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of building a bridge over the river Susquehanna near Rock Run; the bill incorporating the master and wardens for the time being of Somerset lodge number 49 of free and accepted masons, for the purposes therein mentioned; the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to make public an old road leading from South River Church to intersect the Annapolis road to West River; the bill for the benefit of the devisees of James Calhoun; the bill to appoint trustees for the sale of the real estate of Samuel Robertson, late of Montgomery county, deceased; the bill to authorise the drawing of a lottery or lotteries in the city of Baltimore to build a masonic hall for Washington Lodge number 3 in that part of said city known and distinguished by the name of Fell's Point; the bill authorising Joseph Darden, late collector of Talbot county, to complete his collections; the bill for the benefit of Mary Comegys and others; the bill for the relief of James Lee Morgan of Harford county; the further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for building a bridge over the river Susquehanna; the bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy the sums of money for the persons therein mentioned; the bill for the relief of Barney Dean, Catharine Dean, and their children; the resolutions in favour of the trustees of Charlotte Hall school; Thomas Stallings, and others, and Peregrine Bantham, were sent to the senate. The bill for the temporary relief of the poor in the several counties in this state; and the bill for the sale of the Baltimore dancing assembly rooms, were returned to the senate.

The bill to incorporate Upper-Marlborough-town in Prince-George's county, was read the second time and passed.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to enforce specie payments from the several banks of this state for all bank notes not exceeding five dollars. Mr. Bradford moved to strike out "February" in the 2d line of the first section of the bill for the purpose of inserting "April."

A division of the question was called for—The question was then put to strike out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. F. M. Hall, the question was put, to fill up the blank with the first Monday of August? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, the question was put, That the said blank be filled up with the first Monday in July next? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Handy, the question was put to strike out the word "six" in the 9th line of the first section of the bill for the purpose of inserting "twenty-five?" Determined in the negative.

Mr. Lecompte moved to strike out after the words "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland" the whole of the first section, viz. "That if at any time after the first Monday in July next, any bank within this state shall fail or refuse to pay in specie any note, bill or check, not exceeding five dollars, justly due from such bank, when the same shall be presented for payment within the usual hours for doing business at such bank, the person or persons, body or bodies corporate or politic, injured by such failure, shall and may obtain a judgment and execution for the amount of such note, bill or check, with six per centum per annum interest thereon, to be computed from the time of such failure or refusal, and costs, before any justice of the peace for the county or city where such bank is situated and established, provided a warrant is served either upon the president, cashier, chief clerk, or any director of such bank;" for the purpose of inserting the following as a substitute therefor—"That from and after the first day of March next, it shall not be lawful for the several banking institutions within this state to issue bank notes of a less denomination than three dollars, any thing in the act, entitled, An act to authorise the banks in this state to issue small notes for a limited time, and for other purposes, passed at December session eighteen hundred and fourteen, to the contrary notwithstanding. And be it enacted, That the charters of the several incorporated banks of this state, be and they are hereby declared to be forfeited from and after the first