

assembly, viz: A bill entitled, An act to authorise Catherine Belt of Baltimore county to bring into this state certain negro slaves; a bill, entitled, An act to establish county schools; a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and make public a road therein mentioned in Cecil county; a bill, entitled, An act to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the mode of filling up vacancies in the senate; a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money to build a church or house of worship in Anne-Arundel county; a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners to grade, level, pave and repair, the streets, squares, lanes and alleys, in that part of the eastern precincts of Baltimore therein described, and for other purposes; and a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company under the title of the Chesapeake Fishing Company.

The bill authorising a lottery to complete Trinity Church and to build a parsonage house within the city of Baltimore; and the bill to authorise the removal of a certain negro slave therein mentioned, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, the following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 5, 1817.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We propose with your concurrence to invite the governor to meet the two branches of the legislature in the senate chamber this evening at seven o'clock, to sign and seal the laws; and have appointed Messrs. Stoddert and Williams, to join the gentlemen on your part, to wait upon the governor, to request his attendance as aforesaid.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the following bills were referred to the consideration of the next general assembly; a bill, entitled, An act to lay out a road in Montgomery and Anne-Arundel counties; a bill, entitled, An act to remove the seat of government from the city of Annapolis; a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to alter, straighten and amend, a road therein mentioned in Harford county; a bill, entitled, An act concerning lots lying westward of Fort Cumberland in Allegany county, purchased by Thomas Johnson of Frederick county; a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Maddox of Charles county; a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Josias W. Dallam of Harford county; a bill, entitled, An act to increase the compensation of the justices of the orphans court of Baltimore county; a bill, entitled, An act declaring the operation of a deed from William B. Barney, and Mary his wife, to Thomas Sweeting; a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery for the purpose of purchasing lots, and erecting school houses thereon, for the education of poor children in Montgomery county; a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for building a court-house in Anne-Arundel county; a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising appropriations for the penitentiary of this state; and a bill, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the appointment of governor of this state, and to abolish such parts as relate to the appointment of an executive council.

The house adjourns until this evening 4 o'clock.

#### POST MERIDIEM, 4 O'CLOCK.

The house met.

The bill to continue in force the acts of assembly which would expire with the present session, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, the following resolution was read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised to draw on the treasurer of the western shore in favour of J. Joseph Henry, for nine hundred and sixty-three dollars and fifty cents, it being the amount of said Henry's account for sixty rifles, purchased of him by the executive on the seventh day of November eighteen hundred and fourteen, and the said treasurer is hereby authorised to pay the same.

The report on the petition of Thomas Mason, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith and assent to the resolution therein contained? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Washington, the question was put, That the house reconsider the bill from the senate, entitled, An act to invest the levy court of Baltimore county with the powers now exercised by the commissioners of the tax of the city and county of Baltimore, and for other purposes. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

| AFFIRMATIVE. |           |            |          |            |            |
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| Mr. Speaker  | Turner    | Banning    | Lecompte | Potts      | Watkins    |
| Boyer        | Stoddert  | Dennis     | Hart     | Taney      | Washington |
| Ringgold     | Hambleton | Long       | Beard    | Howard     | Ridgely    |
| Horrell      | Hands     | Haynie     | Handy    | M. Donald  |            |
| NEGATIVE.    |           |            |          |            |            |
| Sellman      | Harryman  | Griffith   | Harrison | Glenn      | Williams   |
| C. Stewart   | Price     | Duvall     | Sewell   | W. Stewart | Schnebly   |
| Blake        | Showers   | Meconnikin | Bradford | Kell       | Hager      |

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Kell, the question was put, That the last section of the bill be stricken out? Determined in the negative.

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

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the preservation of the breed of certain foreign animals which imported into this state; the bill for the benefit of the securities of Thomas Thompson late collector of Dorchester county; the bill for benefit of Priscilla Wilson of Calvert county; the bill for the benefit of Lawson Alexander and the representatives of the late Joseph Cowden; the bill incorporating the masters and wardens for the time being of Somerset lodge number forty-nine of free and accepted Masons for the purpose therein mentioned; and the bill for the encouragement of literature, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the title of The Planters Bank of Prince-George's county; the bill for the relief of Theodore Farrington of Somers-