

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Evans Willing the sum of one hundred pounds current money of Maryland, for a negro slave who was drowned in consequence of his being pursued as a fugitive from justice.

All which is submitted,

By order,

R. PINDELL, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Hawkins from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Murdock, of Frederick county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted; therefore, Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to pay annually, in quarterly payments, to Benjamin Murdock, a lieutenant in the Maryland line during the revolutionary war, the half pay of a lieutenant during life.

By order,

J. H. BEALL, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Garner delivers a bill, entitled, An act to inspect and transcribe the records of the surveyor of Charles county, and for other purposes; which was read.

Mr. Stevens delivers a petition from Joseph Darden, of Talbot county, praying for a law authorising him, as administrator of his brother Samuel B. Duden, to collect the balance of fees due his said brother; which was read and referred to Messrs. Stevens, Lecompte and Wilson.

The report on the petition of John Newton, an old soldier, was read the second time, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

The bill to increase the allowance to the sheriff of Allegany county for keeping persons in gaol and finding them victuals, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein named. Ordered, That Messrs. Blakistone, Causin and Jones, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Tidball delivers a memorial from sundry inhabitants of Allegany, praying for a bank; which was read and referred to Messrs. Tidball, Cresap and Scott.

On motion by Mr. Jenifer, Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the extending of Lombard-street in the city of Baltimore, be made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

On motion by Mr. Harrison, Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one stem the laws of descents, be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Tingle delivers a petition from Sally Brice, of Worcester county, a poor woman, praying relief; which was read and referred to Messrs. Tingle, Wilson and Henry.

Mr. Holbrook delivers a petition from Caleb P. Davis, of Caroline county, praying permission to bring into this state a certain negro slave; which was read and referred to Messrs. Holbrook, Saulsbury and Whitely.

The bill extending the benefit of the insolvent laws to Abraham Leider of Washington county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The resolution in favour of the Elkton Academy was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The bill authorising Sarah Bowen, administratrix D. B. N. of Benjamin Y. Bowen, to complete the collections of the said Benjamin Y. Bowen, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Buckey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and make public a road in Frederick county; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to authorise Edward Brown, late sheriff and collector of Kent county, to complete his collections. The bill to confirm an act, entitled, An act to repeal all that part of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Dorchester county into three separate election districts; and the bill for the support of Evan Price, of Montgomery county, severally endorsed, will pass; Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to authorise James Keene, late sheriff of Caroline county, to complete his collections, endorsed, will not pass. A bill, entitled, An act to establish and incorporate the Patapsco Canal Company, endorsed, passed by the senate January 15, 1818; which was read. The resolution in favour of Notley Maddox, and his securities, endorsed, assented to; and the resolution in favour of James Eccleston, endorsed, dissented from. Accompanied by the following message:

BY THE SENATE, January 17, 1818.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have rejected your resolution in favour of James Eccleston, because we have not the constitutional power of amending it. We think the petitioner entitled to be relieved from all interest on the debt arising after December 1, 1808. It appears from the papers before us, that the payment of the debt was postponed until that time by different resolutions of the legislature, passed in the lifetime of John Eccleston the security; and there is nothing before the senate to shew that these postponements were against his consent. The security having died before the day above mentioned, and his property being then in the hands of infants, if the legislature choose to grant any further indulgence to the principal debtor, we are satisfied that the interest accruing subsequently ought not to be charged against the estate of the infants. The state we admit had not a right to be generous to the principal debtor at the expense or upon the responsibility of infants, who were incapable of protecting themselves, and the senate will cheerfully assent to a resolution founded on these principles.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which was read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as relates to the representation of the city of Baltimore, and to allow additional delegates from that city to the general assembly. On motion by Mr. Kell, the question was put, That the following sections be inserted at the end of the 2d section of the bill, viz "And be it enacted, That such parts of the constitution and form of government as gives to the city of Annapolis additional delegates to the general assembly of Maryland, be and are hereby repealed. And be it enacted, That the said city of Annapolis shall become a part of Anne-Arundel county, and the citizens thereof shall be