

them to execute a conveyance for the same; which was read and referred to Messrs. C. Stewart, R. Dorsey and Estep.

The bill for establishing and building a bridge across Monocacy river, in the county of Frederick, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Tingle delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Sally Brice of Worcester county; which was read.

Mr. Buckey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Frederick county to increase the pay of the overseer of the poor in said county; which was read.

Mr. Schnebly delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying for a law changing the times of holding the courts of said county from the fourth Monday of March and the third Monday of November to the first Mondays of February and September; which was read and referred to Messrs. Schnebly, Kennedy and Sweitzer.

Mr. Woodyear delivers a bill, entitled, An act to provide for a new assessment in the city and county of Baltimore; which was read.

Mr. Snowden delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising the levy court of Baltimore county to levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Eccleston delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the breadth of a certain road in Kent county; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the report of the commissioners on the navigation of the Susquehanna was referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Wilson, Thomas, Harrison and Sewell.

Mr. Gaither from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the report and petition of the trustees of the Brookeville Academy, in Montgomery county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find that a few individuals in the vicinity of Brookeville have at considerable expense erected a spacious house for the instruction of youth; that the number of scholars at this time amount to seventy, and a number of applications for admission of others into said academy have unavoidably been rejected in consequence of the trustees not having funds to employ an additional teacher. Your committee are of opinion, that the institution, if fostered by public aid, would be of great public utility, but the state of the treasury being such, that any additional donation at this time to said county cannot be made, your committee beg leave to state, that a school at Rockville receives annually eight hundred dollars, that from the best account they can get of the state of this school, there are but few scholars in the English department, and has been for several years past fewer in that in which the languages are taught: If the embarrassed situation of the states funds will prevent a direct donation from the treasury, the committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, that four hundred dollars of the money appropriated to the use of the Rockville Academy, be paid annually by the treasurer of the western shore to the president and trustees of the Brookeville Academy.

By order,

S. FOUNTAIN, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Estep delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Friendship, and adjoining neighbourhood, in Anne-Arundel county, praying for a law prohibiting the sale of every species of produce, including pork, bacon and poultry, after the close of day-light; which was read and referred to Messrs. Estep, Gray and Weems.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to provide for the opening and extension of Pratt-street, in the city of Baltimore; Mr. W. R. Stewart in the chair; and after some time spent therein, the committee rose, the chairman whereof reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The question was then put, That the committee have leave to sit again? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

THURSDAY, January 22, 1818.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in the counties of Somerset and Dorchester, passed in 1785, and the several supplements thereto, was sent to the senate.

The amendment proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Charles P. George of Frederick county, was read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Elkton to Christiana bridge, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Causin, the following order was read and adopted:

Ordered, That the register of the city of Baltimore be instructed and directed, to report to this house forthwith, the annual amount of taxes paid into the city treasury on sales at auction, from the year 1800 to 1817, inclusive, and also the sums received during the same period for licences to auctioneers.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to vacate part of Cherry-alley in the town of Cumberland, in Allegany county, endorsed, will pass. Ordered to be engrossed. The supplement to an act, entitled, An

act to establish a bank and incorporate a company to be styled The Bank of Westminster, endorsed, will not pass. Also a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and

to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways, endorsed, passed by the senate, January 21, 1818; which was read, and on motion by Mr. Lecompte, the said bill was referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Digges,

Wilson, Woodyear and Stephen.

Mr. Kennedy from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying for a supplement to the act of assembly passed in 1777, entitled, An act concerning marriage, respectfully beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and although they would be at all times disposed to act with the utmost liberality towards religious societies of all denominations, they are of opinion that it is inexpedient at present to alter the existing laws on the subject of marriage, and therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

By order,

J. H. BEALL, Clk.

Which was read.

The bill to authorise Hannah A. Hayes, guardian of the minor children of Stephen Hayes, late of Cecil county, deceased, to sell and convey all the right, title and interest, of the said minor children, to