

entitled, An act for the relief of the heirs of Lawrence Oneale of Montgomery county; which were severally read.

Mr Woodyear delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise Mary Ann Nelms, natural guardian of George Nelms and Ann Eliza Nelms, to convey the property therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr Claggett delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road in Prince George's and Anne Arundel counties, passed December session 1816; which was read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill for the benefit of Joseph Darden, one of the securities and administrator of Samuel B. Darden, late of Talbot county.

On motion by Mr Stevens, the question was put, That the further consideration of said bill be referred to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of Mary Henry, of Frederick county, endorsed, will pass. Ordered to be engrossed. Also a bill, entitled, An act to confirm and make valid the proceedings of the levy court of Calvert county since the year 1814, and for other purposes, endorsed, passed by the senate February 6, 1818; which was read. The resolution in favour of Levin Gale and Joseph Couden, endorsed, assented to. The resolution in favour of David Falmore, endorsed, dissented from. And the resolution in favour of the Methodist Church in Annapolis, endorsed, dissented from. Accompanied by the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 6th, 1818.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We have considered the resolution in favour of the Methodist Church in Annapolis, and cannot concur in it. We think that no preference ought to be given to any sect of christians, and we know of no instance where money has been granted to aid in erecting places of public worship. In 1791, by a resolution of the legislature, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred pounds, was directed to be paid by the treasurer of the western shore for the purpose of building and finishing a number of pews in the Protestant Episcopal Church in Annapolis, sufficient for accommodating the governor and council, and members of the legislature, and we are willing that a sum of money for like purposes shall be granted to the Methodist Church in Annapolis, for accommodating the governor and council, and members of the legislature, according to the usages of the said church.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which was read. Also the engrossed bills No. 41 to No. 50, inclusive; and No. 53 to 66 inclusive, severally endorsed, read and assented to.

And the supplement to the act concerning crimes and punishments, endorsed, will pass with the proposed amendments; which amendments was read the first and second time by special order, and on motion by Mr. Forrest, the question was put, That the further consideration of said amendments be postponed until Monday next? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the said amendments? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the following preamble and resolutions were read.

Whereas it is essential that a work which treats of subjects highly important to those who have any concern in affairs of a testamentary nature, should receive a wide and extensive circulation, for the purpose of preventing many unhappy mistakes which would otherwise frequently occur, when men who are entirely unacquainted with such matters undertake to make their own wills, which of all other instruments require the most mature deliberation, and which often give rise to family feuds and dissensions, when the intention of the testator is so obscure that different interpretations may be given to the same clause.

Resolved that the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to purchase—copies of Brice on Wills, published by James F. Brice, and to pay the amount thereof out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Resolved, That the governor and council cause the said books, as they shall be purchased, to be forwarded and distributed as follows: To the court of appeals for each shore two copies; to the court of chancery three copies; to each county court two copies; to each of the orphans courts two copies; to the general assembly ten copies; and to the executive one copy; to the land office of the western shore two copies; to the land office of the eastern shore two copies.

The bill to provide for a new assessment in the city and county of Baltimore, was read the second time amended, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill from the senate, entitled, An act to alter the time of the sitting of the several county courts in the fourth judicial district, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative, and the bill returned to the senate.

The house according to the order of the day proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to impose a tax on the Loan Office of Discount and Deposit of the Bank of the United States established in the state of Maryland.

Mr. Wilson moved to amend the bill by striking out from the word "Maryland," in the 1st line of the 1st section, to the end of the bill, for the purpose of inserting the following as a substitute, to wit: "That if any bank has established, or shall, without authority from the state first had and obtained, establish any Branch, Office of Discount and Deposit, or Office of Pay and Receipt, in any part of this state, it shall not be lawful for the said Branch, Office of Discount and Deposit, or Office of Pay and Receipt, to issue notes in any manner, of any other denomination than five, ten, twenty, fifty, one hundred, five hundred and one thousand dollars; and no note shall be issued except upon stamp paper of the following description: that is to say: every five dollar note shall be upon a stamp of ten cents; every ten dollar note upon a stamp of twenty cents; every twenty dollar note upon a stamp of thirty cents; every fifty dollar note upon a stamp of fifty cents; every one hundred dollar note upon a stamp of one dollar; every five hundred dollar note upon a stamp of ten dollars; and every thousand dollar note upon a stamp of twenty dollars; which paper shall be furnished by the treasurer of the western shore, under the direction of the governor and council, to be paid for upon delivery; provided always, that any institution of the above description may relieve itself from the operation of the provisions aforesaid, by paying annually in advance, to the treasurer of the western shore, for the use of the state, the sum of—dollars. And be it enacted, That the president, cashier, each of the directors and officers of every institution established, or to be established as aforesaid, offending against the provisions aforesaid, shall forfeit a sum of five hundred dollars for each and every offence, and every person having any agency in circulating any note aforesaid, not stamped as aforesaid directed, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding—dollars; every penalty aforesaid to be recovered."