

On motion by Mr. W. R. Stewart, the following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, together with the bill therein referred to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 13, 1818.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We have returned you the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments, and hope the senate will recede from the amendments they have made to the same.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Long, the following resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Cornelius Mills, sergeant at arms, the sum of thirty dollars; to Caleb Stewart, door keeper to the house of delegates, the sum of thirty dollars; to Gotlieb J. Grammer, messenger to the senate, the sum of thirty dollars; to Henry Coulter, door-keeper to the senate, the sum of thirty dollars; for taking care of the furniture of their respective rooms.

The supplement to an act relating to the levy court of Baltimore county, and the bill to appoint commissioners to review a road in Washington county, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of John Henniss of Allegany county, and the bill to prevent the erection of booths within two miles of any methodist camp or quarterly meeting in Anne Arundel county, severally endorsed, will pass. Ordered to be engrossed. The bill for the relief of William Hackett, of Queen Anne's county; the bill for the benefit of Levin Craig, infant child and heir of Margaret Craig, late of Dorchester county, deceased; the bill for the relief of Christian Hager; the bill declaring what shall be evidence in certain cases therein mentioned; the bill to authorise a loan to the state, and for other purposes; and the bill to widen or change a part of the public road leading from Vienna to Henry's cross roads in Dorchester county, severally endorsed will not pass. The resolutions in favour of the clerks, relative to the naval depot, in favour of the clerk of the council, in favour of John Leeds Kerr, relative to runaway negroes, and the resolution requesting information from the honourable John L. Kerr, agent on behalf of the state, severally endorsed, assented to. Also the engrossed bills No. 135 to 139, inclusive, and No. 146 to No. 153, inclusive, severally endorsed, read and assented to; which were severally read, assented to, and returned to the senate.

The bill to incorporate a company to build a bridge over Nanticoke river at or near Vienna in Dorchester county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Claggett, the bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act regulating the inspection of tobacco, was referred to the next general assembly.

The report on the petition of Peter Glassgow, of Somerset county, was read the second time, concurred in, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act for the better protection of slaveholders in the several counties therein mentioned.

On motion by Mr. Jones, Saint Mary's county was inserted in the bill.

On motion by Mr. Long, the question was put, To amend the bill by striking out the words "or in the penitentiary of this state," and also by striking out the words "one year" in the 3d section, for the purpose of inserting the words "two months." Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Murray, the question was put, That "Somerset county" be stricken out of the bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill having been read throughout and amended, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Somerville, the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to inquests held by coroners, was referred to the next general assembly.

The bill for altering the time of holding the court of appeals for the western shore, 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.

The bill for the relief of John Barnes, and the bill to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to appointments to offices of profit and trust by the governor and council, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill from the senate, entitled, An act to prevent the several counties in this state from being overrated with the charge of superannuated slaves, was read the second time and amended, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill from the senate, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, passed at November session eighteen hundred and ten, was read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to tax all banks or branches thereof not chartered by the legislature? Determined in the negative.

The bill from the senate, entitled, An act to establish an academy at Liberty-town in Frederick county, was read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Harrison, the question was put, That the house reconsider the bill, entitled, An act to prevent the several counties in this state from being overrated with the charge of superannuated slaves? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Harrison, the word "overrated" in the title of the bill was stricken out and the word "burthened" inserted.

On motion by Mr. Harrison, the words "have or" in the 2d line of the first section were stricken out.

On motion by Mr. Harrison, the words "they are or" in the 3d line of the said section were stricken out.

On motion by Mr. Harrison, the words "at the time of sale" were inserted at the end of the said section.

On motion by Mr. Bradford, the following proviso was inserted at the end of the first section: "provided, that the said trustees of the poor shall, within twenty days after receiving such negro or mulatto into the poor-house, cause notice thereof to be given to the person or persons subject to the payment of the expences as aforesaid."

The bill having been read throughout, and further amended, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative, and the bill returned to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, the bill, entitled, An act to regulate and licence sales at auction in the city and precincts of Baltimore, was referred to the next general assembly.