

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The bill to authorise John D. Henly, of Harford county, to import and bring into this state certain negroes therein mentioned; and the bill for the benefit of Joseph Robertson, of Calvert county, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Breckenridge presents a memorial from the president and managers of the Harford Turnpike Road Company, counter to the petition of sundry inhabitants of said county; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

Mr. Schnebly reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Susanna Teas of Washington county; which was read.

The bill to authorise the securities of William Waller to complete the collection of the said William Waller, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Forrest the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to pay to Benjamin Pindell one hundred and ninety five dollars and fifty cents, as the balance of his account against this state for the collection of arms.

Mr. Saulsbury delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons from Talbot, Queen Anne's and Caroline counties, praying for a new bridge over Tuckahoe creek, at Hillsborough, have had the same under their consideration, and are of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted, and that they have leave to withdraw their petition. All which is submitted.

By order, J. IRELAND, Jr. Clk.

Which was read and concurred with.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, the following order was read: Whereas the present reduction of the annual state revenue requires that the general assembly of Maryland should adopt some system of finance, to prevent any further diminution of the state's capital: And whereas, the corporation of the city of Baltimore has, under the construction of their act of incorporation, assumed the right to lay a duty on sales of foreign merchandize at public auction; and from which duties the treasury of the said city has received, since eighteen hundred, a sum of four hundred thousand dollars, and upwards, all of which has been appropriated to the relief of her own citizens from the city taxes: And whereas, if this power thus exercised by the corporation is not restrained, and the whole revenue derived from that source is not brought into the treasury of this state, a direct tax on the assessable property of the citizens of this state must be resorted to, therefore, Ordered by this house, as an expression of their opinion, that a law ought to be adopted providing for inhibiting the corporation of the city of Baltimore from laying any such duties, and providing for laying a duty of two per cent on sales of foreign merchandize at auction, to be applied in aid of the general revenue of this state, and for the benefit of the good people thereof.

Ordered, That the governor and council be requested to cause the preceding expression of the opinion of this house, to be published in the several newspapers edited at Easton, Frederick, Hager's town, Annapolis, and any two in the city of Baltimore, for two months previous to the first day of October next.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill, entitled, An act extending the time of taking the bond of the sheriff of Saint Mary's county, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the resolution in favour of Margaret Bruff, endorsed "assented to."

The bill to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly of this state, and for other purposes, was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Polk, that the word "November" be stricken out of the clause fixing the day for the meeting of the legislature, for the purpose of inserting the word "January?" A division of the question was called for by Mr. Montgomery, and put on striking out. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

			AFFIRMATIVE.					
Mr. Speaker	Wyvill	Jenifer	Polk	Patten	Maulsby	Peter		
Millard	C Stewart	Dorsey	Dennis	Somervell	Norris	Washington		
Plater	Weems	Garner	King	R T Hall	H Hall	Forrest		
J F Browne	Blake	Orrick	Wroth	W R Stuart	Forwood	Tomlinson		
E Browne	Reynolds	A H Price	Mackey	Hollingsworth	Kellar	Greenwell	42	
Spencer	Stonestreet	Showers	Maffett	Warfield	Gabby	Blair		
			NEGATIVE.					
Brooke	Stevens	Griffith	Nicholson	Iiams	Willis	Schnebly		
Marriott	N Martin	Jackson	A Spence	Hawkins	Whitely	Kennedy		
T W Hall	Dashiell	Duvall	J S Spence	Saulsbury	Montgomery	Gaither		
D Martin	Lecompte	Boyle	Riley	Hardeastle	Breckenridge	W Price	30	
Hayward	Lucas							

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Forwood, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the first day of June next? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on inserting the first Monday in January? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

			AFFIRMATIVE.					
Key	Reynolds	Stevens	King	Patten	A Spence	Whitely		
Millard	Dorsey	N Martin	Wroth	W R Stuart	J S Spence	Gabby		
Plater	Garner	Polk	Mackey	Harrison	Riley	Kennedy		
J F Browne	D Martin	Dennis	Maffett	Hollingsworth	Warfield	Peter	30	
Wyvill	Hayward							
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Mr. Speaker	Weems	Dashiell	Duvall	Norris	Montgomery	Forrest		
E Browne	Blake	Lucas	Nicholson	H Hall	Breckenridge	Tomlinson		
Brooke	Stonestreet	Griffith	Boyle	Forwood	Schnebly	W Price		
Marriott	Orrick	Jackson	Iiams	Saulsbury	Kellar	Greenwell		
T W Hall	A H Price	Somervell	Hawkins	Hardeastle	Gaither	Blair	41	
C Stewart	Showers	R T Hall	Maulsby	Willis	Washington			

Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Forrest, the bill was rejected.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the order relative to obtaining information from the treasurer; and on motion by Mr. Montgomery, the question was put, That the following words be stricken out? "And also a statement of the annual funds of the state, and designating what part of the principal