

proper subjects of legislation. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioners is inexpedient, and will not be granted, and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. All of which is submitted.

By order,

I. SPENCE, Clk.

Which was read and concurred with.

Mr. Ross delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Ritchie and Ezra Mantz, administrators of William Ritchie, late clerk of Frederick county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to release William Ritchie and Ezra Mantz, administrators of William Ritchie, late clerk of Frederick county, from the payment of interest on the sums due from the said William Ritchie to this state at the time of his death, provided they shall fully pay the principal of the debts so due by the first day of May next. All which is submitted.

By order,

I. SPENCE, Clk.

Which was read.

The bill to authorise William Bruce to bring into this state a negro man named Nace, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Forwood reports a bill, entitled, An act for the preservation of the breed of fish; and Mr. Whitely reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein named; which were read.

The bill for the benefit of Noah Ross, of Caroline county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, the following resolution was read:

Whereas the chief judge of the third judicial district is required by the act of assembly concerning the chancery court, passed at November session 1806, to perform certain duties appertaining to the jurisdiction of the chancery court, and not incident to the said office of chief judge: And whereas the said chief judge hath with fidelity performed the said duties, and it being but just and reasonable that those who devote their time to the public service, pursuant to the requisitions of the legislature, should be compensated, therefore, Be it resolved, by the general assembly of Maryland, that the chief judge of the third judicial district be allowed for said services, at the rate of — dollars per annum, to commence from the passage of the said act.

The house proceeded to ballot for a register of wills for Calvert county. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired to the conference room to examine them, and after some time returned and reported, that Walter Smith had forty-nine votes, and Benjamin Gray had forty votes;

Whereupon Resolved, That Walter Smith be and he is hereby recommended to the governor to be commissioned as register of wills for Calvert county.

The bill for the relief of Samuel S. Murray, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Elizabeth Knott; the bill to authorise Matthew Murray, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collections; and the bill for the benefit of the vestry of All Saints Church in Frederick Town, in Frederick county, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to authorise John Stevens, the elder, late collector of Talbot county, to complete his collection, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill to erect a bridge over the Narrows at Kent Island, in Queen-Anne's county, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill to vest certain powers in the directors of the penitentiary, endorsed "will not pass." The resolution in favour of Jehu Chandler, endorsed "dissented from." And a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to erect a bridge over South River, endorsed "will pass;" which was read. And on motion by Mr. Duvall, Ordered, That the same have a second reading on Wednesday next.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the consideration of the Calvert contested election.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the following resolutions were read:

Resolved, That Thomas Mitchell, Junr. James Marques, John Simmons, James Sly, James J. Bowen, William Dossey, Joseph Wilson, John Robinson and John Turner, were minors, and under the age of twenty-one years, at the last October election in Calvert county, and were not legal voters.

Resolved, That James Gray, John Gray, William Beverly, John Hance, William Spicknell, and Thomas O. Parran, were not legal votes at the last election in Calvert county for the want of residence.

Resolved, That Henry Cochran was not a legal voter at the said last election, because he was an unnaturalized foreigner.

On motion by Mr. Maulsby, That the whole be stricken out from the first word "Resolved" for the purpose of inserting the following: "That Thomas Mitchell, James Marquis, John W. Simmons, John Hance, James Sly, James J. Bowen, William Dossey, James Gray, John Gray, Henry Cochran, Joseph Wilson, John Robinson, William Beverly and John Turner, persons who voted at the last Calvert election, from the evidence submitted to this house, were at the time of said election illegal and disqualified voters, and that they be called to the bar of the house, and examined upon oath or affirmation touching their votes at said election."

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Lecompte, and put on striking out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, That the words "James Sly" be stricken out of the substitute proposed by Mr. Maulsby? A motion was made by Mr. Dennis, and the question put, That the house adjourn? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow;

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