

On motion by Mr. B. S. Forrest, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the fiftieth section of an act, entitled, An act to provide for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein, passed at November session 1865. Ordered, That Messrs. B. S. Forrest, J. Forrest and Wilson, prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Lake reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the levy court of Dorchester county to levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

Mr. Cockey presents a petition from Isaac Lyon, of Frederick county, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs. Cockey, Maulby and Davis.

Mr. Snowden reports a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Thomas Knock and Margaret Knock, of Baltimore county; which was read.

On motion by Mr. R. Stevens, Ordered, That the executive be requested to lay before this house any communications they may have received from the agent of the state respecting its claim on the general government for disbursements made, and expenses incurred during the late war, and also any communication they may have received from the war department.

Mr. Frazier presents a petition from William Byus, of Dorchester county, praying that the mistake in a resolution granting him a pension as boatswain, instead of lieutenant, may be corrected; which was read and referred to Messrs. Frazier, Lake and W. Eccleston.

Mr. Lake presents a petition from the securities of Thos. Thompson, late collector for Dorchester county, praying a further law to aid them to complete said collection; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lake, Frazier and W. Eccleston.

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

Whereas a resolution passed the general assembly of Maryland at December session eighteen hundred and eighteen, directing the revision of the laws of the state, and the printing of two hundred copies thereof, also directing the distribution and transmission of a certain number of said copies to the several persons therein mentioned, and the remaining copies, not distributed, to be deposited in the council chamber, subject to the future disposition of the legislature; therefore,

Resolved, That twenty copies of the said revised laws there deposited, be reserved and to remain in their present place of deposit, for the future use of the legislature, and that the governor and council cause the copies of the laws remaining undisposed of, and unreserved by the legislature of this state, to be sold in such manner, and on such terms, as they shall approve of, and the money thence arising to be appropriated under the directions of the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of delegates, to the purchase of a library for the use of the legislature.

Mr. Wroth presents a petition from John V. Price, late collector of Cecil county, praying further time to complete his collection; which was read and referred to Messrs. Wroth, Archer and T. Williams. Also a petition from Peregrine Ward the 3d, of Cecil county, praying that Doctor H. E. Coalman may be permitted to remove a negro man into this state for his use; which was read and referred to Messrs. Wroth, J. S. Moffett and Archer.

On motion by Mr. Key, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate divorces. Ordered, That Messrs. Key, Stoddert, Maulsby, R. Stevens and J. Forrest, prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Allen, the order relative to procuring newspapers was reconsidered, and the following was offered by him as a substitute:

Ordered, That the sergeant at arms procure for the use of the delegation of each county, and of the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis, such newspaper as the delegations shall respectively desire, for the sake of information.

On motion by Mr. Orrick, the question was put, That the words "serjeant at arms," be stricken there out, and the words, "committee of claims," be inserted? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. J. B. Eccleston, That the words "each delegation to pay for the paper received by them," be added to the same. On motion by Mr. S. Stevens, the question was put, The words "who shall order the same," be inserted in said amendment after the word "delegation?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the said amendment as amended? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Allen, the substitute was then withdrawn.

On motion by Mr. Polk, the order moved by him was amended by striking out the words "this house," and inserting the words "the legislature."

On motion by Mr. J. B. Eccleston, the question was put, That the words "each member to pay for the paper received by him," be added to the original order? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the original order proposed by Mr. Polk? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. J. B. Eccleston, Ordered, That Messrs. J. P. Kennedy and R. T. Hall, be added to the committee appointed to bring in a bill supplementary to the act relating to negroes.

Mr. Holbrook presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, praying that in all cases of petitions for freedom, the party losing the suit shall pay all cost; which was read and referred to Messrs. Holbrook, Wilson, Maulsby, Key and Dennis. Also a petition from Joseph Price, of Caroline county, praying a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Holbrook, Hardcastle and Willis.

Mr. J. B. Eccleston reports a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments; which was read.

Mr. Bowles delivers a petition from James Chapline, of Washington county, praying for a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs. Bowles, T. Kenney and Gabby.

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