

booths within two miles of any methodist camp or quarterly meeting in the several counties therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. Warfield, Moffitt, Davis, Wilson, and B. Forrest, report the same.

The supplement to the act incorporating the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy presents a petition from Alexander Prentiss, of the city of Baltimore, praying that the will of Levi W. Crossgrove may be made valid; which was read and referred to Messrs. J. P. Kennedy, Marriott and Barney.

Mr. Allen reports a bill, entitled, An act concerning joint tenancy; which was read.

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

### FRIDAY, December 15, 1820

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The supplement to the act incorporating the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore, was sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Boyle, Ordered That Messrs. Boyle, Duvall and J. P. Kennedy, be a committee to enquire what laws expire within the present session.

The bill authorising Henry E. Coalman to remove a certain negro slave from the state of Louisiana into this state, for the use of Peregrine Ward the 3d, of Cecil county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The resolution in favour of the examiner general was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Bowles, the words "three hundred pounds" was stricken out, and the words "eight hundred dollars," inserted. On motion by Mr. Showers, the question was put, That \$500 be stricken out for the purpose of inserting \$600? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the said resolution? Resolved in the affirmative, and the resolution sent to the senate.

Mr. Barney presents a petition from James C. Dew, praying to be remunerated for the rent of his warehouse, as an arsenal; which was read and referred to the committee relative to public arms.

On motion by Mr. Showers, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act relative to justices of the peace, and for other purposes, passed December session 1814. Ordered, That Messrs. Showers, Marriott and Orrick, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act laying duties on licences to retailers of dry goods, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Duvall, J. S. Kennedy, Hayward, Wilson and Boyle, report the same.

Mr. Scott presents petitions from Thomas Porter and Benjamin Parker, of Allegany county, praying special acts of insolvency; which were read and referred to Messrs. Scott, Hilleary and Blair.

Mr. Hilleary reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of James Scott, of Allegany county; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

The resolution in favour of Daniel Schnebly, was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The bill authorising John V. Price, late collector of the first election district of Cecil county, to complete his collection, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house returns from the clerk of Worcester and Somerset counties; which were read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

The house resumed the consideration of the supplement to the act regulating the mode of staying executions, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, the question was put, That the following clause be stricken out: "And be it enacted, That no distress shall be made from and after the passage of this act, until the first day of May next, provided the tenant or tenants, his, her, or their heirs, executors or administrators, enter into bond to the landlord or landlords, his, her, or their heirs, executors or administrators, with such security, and on such penalty as one justice of the peace of the county, wherein the lands and tenements for which the said rent may have accrued are situated, shall approve of, conditioned for the payment of one half of the sum due, with all the interest on the whole sum then due, on the first day of May next, and also for the payment of the other half of the sum due, with interest hereon, on or before the 30th day of next November; and in case any distress for rent has been heretofore made, since the passage of the act, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying executions, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes, the person or persons so as aforesaid distressed, shall have entered into bond in manner aforesaid, the justice so as aforesaid taking the said bond in manner aforesaid, shall grant a certificate thereof to the person or persons so as aforesaid distressed, and the said bond, so as aforesaid taken, shall be retained by the justice of the peace taking the same, to be by him delivered to the person or persons to whom the rent is or may be so as aforesaid due, and the said certificate, so as aforesaid delivered to the officer making the distress, on his being paid, or security being given for the fees incurred by the said distress, the officer making the said distress shall and is hereby authorised and directed, to return and deliver the goods and chattels to the person or persons so distressed." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. J. P. Kennedy, the question was put, That the house reconsider the first clause. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. J. P. Kennedy, the question was put, That the words "or any other justice of the peace of the same county," be inserted after the word "aforesaid" in said clause? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. T. N. Williams, the question was put, That the words "containing the amount of the judgment superseded, the costs, and the names of the securities or persons superseding," be stricken out, for the purpose of inserting "which shall certify the names of the plaintiff, defendants and securities, the dates of the judgment and supersedeas, the amount of the judgment, and the name of the justice who entered the judgment, and also the names of the justices who took the supersedeas." Determined in the negative.

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