

MONDAY, December 18, 1820.

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

The bill for the relief of Joseph Richardson, clerk of Caroline county; the bill authorising certain alterations in Baltimore county and city court rooms; the bill authorising Robert W. Kent, of Anne-Arundel county, to remove certain negroes into this state; the bill to authorise the erection of a warehouse in the village of Greensborough, in Caroline county; and the resolution in favour of William Byus, were sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the treasurer of the western shore, shewing the amount received by him on licences to retailers of dry goods, which was read.

Mr. Scott presents a petition from John Holtzman, of Allegany county, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs. Scott, Blair and Reid.

The supplement to an act passed at December session eighteen hundred and sixteen, for the benefit of the securities of Thomas Thompson, collector of Dorchester county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. S. Stevens, Ordered, That so much of the executive communications as relate to the proposed alteration in the constitution of the United States, be referred to Messrs. Maulsby, Hayward, Boyle, Key and J. B. Eccleston. That so much as relates to furnishing the state with arms, be referred to the committee appointed by the house relative to the cleaning and repairing of arms. And so much as relates to the field exercise and manœuvres of infantry, be referred to Messrs. Stevens, Cross, Marriott, Dashiell and M. Pherson.

Mr. Cockey presents a petition from Basil Dean, of Frederick county, praying he may be authorised to sell certain slaves lately removed into this state; which was read and referred to Messrs. Cockey, Bowles and M. Pherson.

Mr. Boyle reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John J. Moore, of Harrison county state of Ohio. And Mr. Hayward reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Ennalls Price, of Talbot county; which were read.

The bill annulling the marriage of Joseph Price, and Sarah his wife, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. T. Kennedy presents a petition from William Bomgardner; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

On motion by Mr. W. Eccleston, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of the meeting of the levy court of Dorchester county. Ordered, That Messrs. W. Eccleston, Lake and Frazier report the same.

Mr. Showers reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to justices of the peace and for other purposes. Mr. Scott reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of William Harness, of Allegany county; also a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Benjamin Parker, of Allegany county; and a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Porter, of John, of Allegany county; which were severally read.

Mr. Bowles presents a petition from the moderator and commissioners of Hagers-Town, praying they may be authorised to collect the money for purchasing the site, and to erect a market-house, in the years 1821, 1822 and 1823; which was read and referred to Messrs. Bowles, Gabby and Kershner.

Mr. M. Pherson presents a petition from sundry farmers and millers of Frederick county, praying that the mode of appointing the flour inspectors in Baltimore may be changed, and that an appeal may be had from their decision; which was read and referred to Messrs. M. Pherson, Bowles, Barney, Marriott, Maulsby, Scott and Darne.

Mr. Cockey presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Middle Town, Frederick county, praying that hogs may not be permitted to go at large in said town; which was read and referred to Messrs. Cockey, Warfield and M. Pherson.

On motion by M. Beckett, the following resolution was read and assented to:

Whereas the general assembly, by an act passed at December session 1816, entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein mentioned, directed that the commissioners of the school fund of each respective county shall report annually to the general assembly the manner in which the proportion of the said school fund may have been disposed of: And whereas the commissioners appointed by the aforesaid act for Calvert county, have received from the treasurer of the western shore the sum of \$2072 72, and have not made a report in conformity with the provision of the act aforesaid, therefore Resolved, That the commissioners named in the said act be and they are hereby directed to report to the general assembly, during its present session, the manner in which they have disposed of the aforesaid sum of \$2072 72.

Mr. Edelen presents a petition from Butler Dunning, of Charles county; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Scott reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Holtzman, of Allegany county; which was read.

Mr. T. Williams presents petitions from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county and Pennsylvania, praying for a road to Conowingo bridge; which were read and referred to Messrs. T. Williams, Maulsby and Archer.

Mr. Maulsby delivers a petition of a similar nature; which was read and referred to the same committee.

On motion by Mr. J. B. Eccleston, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the education of poor children in Kent, Talbot, Cecil, Anne-Arundel, and Montgomery counties. Ordered, That Messrs. J. B. Eccleston, Boyer, and Archer, report the same.

Mr. T. Kennedy reports a bill, entitled, An act establishing the form of the oath of office, and to repeal certain parts of the constitution and form of government; which was read.

And the following report:

The committee appointed to enquire whether ways and means cannot be devised to obtain the possession of the turnpike road leading from Cumberland to Baltimore, so as that the same, or part thereof, may be made a free road; ask leave to report—That they have taken the same into their serious consideration, and it is one of those subjects which the more it is examined the more important it will appear,