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The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hilleary presents a petition from the trustees of the school fund in Allegany county, praying they may be authorised to appropriate said funds to more than one school in each election district; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hilleary, Scott and Reid.

Mr. Marriott presents a petition from Henry Basford and Jacob Basford, executors of John Basford, praying the levy court may be authorised to enquire into a mistake made by their father as inspector, relative to a hogshead of tobacco, and to remunerate them the amount of a hogshead sold for the use of the county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Marriott, T. W. Hall and Duvall.

Mr. T. Kennedy reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of David Harry, Junr. John Herbert, and Samuel Castle; and a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act to repeal all that part of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Washington county into five separate election districts, and for other purposes, passed the last session; which were read.

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

Resolved, That all proceedings against Roger Hooper, of Dorchester county, and his securities, on judgments obtained and executions proceeded on by this state against them, be and the same are hereby suspended and stayed until the thirtieth day of November eighteen hundred and twenty two, and in case the debt shall not be paid at the time above mentioned, the judgments shall be in force, and executions may issue thereon, without being renewed by writ or writs of scire facias

The bill supplementary to the act amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons, was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Hayward, the same was recommitted.

On motion by Mr. B. Forrest, the house reconsidered the bill relative to oysters, and added the following to the 7th section: "And provided also, That nothing in this act contained, shall be so construed to prevent any person residing in Washington county, in the District of Columbia, from using the waters of Maryland, as fully and freely as any citizen of Maryland is authorised by law to do." The bill was then passed.

Mr. Marriott reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne Arundel county, to assess and levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned; which was twice read and passed.

Mr. J. B. Eccleston reports a bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of the real and personal property of Kent county; which was read.

Mr. Hayward presents a petition from William P. Ridgaway, of Talbot county, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hayward, Willis and Whitely.

Mr. Hayward delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William P. Ridgaway, of Talbot county, having taken the same into consideration, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

By order,

T. POLLARD, Clk.

Which was twice read and concurred in.

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

### THURSDAY, December, 21, 1820.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne Arundel county, to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; and the bill to prevent the destruction of oysters in this state, were sent to the senate.

Mr. J. B. Eccleston presents a petition from Theophilus Russell, of Kent county, praying a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. J. B. Eccleston, Boyer and Thomas.

Mr. J. Forrest reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Richard W. West, of Prince George's county; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Orrick, the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 21, 1820.

*Gentlemen of the Senate.*

Experience has taught us that it is difficult to retain a quorum during the Christmas week, we therefore propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to adjourn from Saturday next, until Wednesday following, it would be a great convenience to most of the members, and we trust not detrimental to the interest of the state.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

And the question put, That the house assent to the same? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow

**AFFIRMATIVE** — Speaker, Boyer, Thomas, J. B. Eccleston, Browne, Steward, T. W. Hall, Edelen, Rogerson, Showers, Snowden, Orrick, Polk, W. Eccleston, Lake, Archer, Wroth, Cross, J. Forrest, Wright, R. Moffitt, Nicholson, Parker, Warfield, Cockey, Maulsby, Alderson, Hardcastle, Gabby, Kershner, Harding, Reid — 32.

**NEGATIVE** — Plater, Reeder, Millard, Marriott, Wyvill, Weems, Beckett, Dalrymple, Posey, Hayward, Dashiell, Dennis, King, T. Williams, Lvles, Boyle, Duvall, Wilson, Selby, Allen, Norris, Willis, Whitely, J. P. Kennedy, Bowles, Gaither, Darnes, Hilleary, Scott, Blair. — 30.

Resolved in the affirmative, and the message sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Showers. Ordered, That the treasurer of the western shore, furnish this house with a statement of all the money that has been paid out of the treasury to colleges, academies and schools, in the different counties of this state, in each and every year, designating the counties to which the same

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