

THURSDAY, December 28, 1820.

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FRIDAY, December 29, 1820.

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SATURDAY, December 30, 1820.

The house met. The proceedings were read.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the treasurer of the western shore, inclosing a statement of the amount paid to colleges, academies and schools, from 1800 to 1820, inclusive, which was read. Also a report from the Rockville academy; which was read. And a return from the clerk of Montgomery county, relative to the attendance of judges; which was read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. J. S. Moffitt presents a petition from William Moffitt, sheriff of Cecil county, praying the time of executing his bond as such may be extended; which was read and referred to Messrs. J. S. Moffitt, T. Williams and Archer.

Mr. Key presents a recommendation of the jurymen of Saint Mary's county, to change the time of the sitting of the court; which was read and referred to Messrs. Key, Millard and Reeder.

Mr. Marriott presents a petition from Grace Cann, of Anne-Arundel county; which was read and referred to the committee on out pensions.

Mr. Bowles reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of James Chapline, of Washington county; which was read.

Mr. Dennis presents petitions from sundry masters and owners of craft belonging to the Chesapeake bay, praying a law may pass giving exclusively to the bay trade all the wharf landing between the west end of the extension of Pratt-street and the S. west corner of Bowley's wharf; which were read and referred to Messrs. Dennis, Frazier, Wilson, Key, Orrick, J. P. Kennedy and Barney.

Mr. J. S. Moffitt reports a bill, entitled, An act extending the time of taking the sheriff's bond of Cecil county; which was twice read and passed.

Mr. King presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying for a public landing at a place called The Trap; which was read and referred to Messrs. King, Darnes and Dashiell.

Mr. Marriott delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred that part of the executive communication relative to the arms belonging to the state which still want cleaning and repairs, report—That it appears by the said communication, that the executive have caused the number of two thousand six hundred and seventy stand of arms to be cleaned, and put in complete order, and four hundred and seventy to be repaired; that there are still in the several arsenals one thousand one hundred and twenty-seven stand of arms which want cleaning, and eleven hundred and twenty-five wanting repairs. It appears also that there are eight hundred and seven stand which are in such bad order as not to be worth repairing. Your committee conceive that it is proper and necessary that such part of the arms as have not been repaired, and which are worth repairing should be repaired and put in order, and that those not worth repairing should be sold. It also appears to your committee, that it would be for the benefit of the state that the tents which remain in the arsenals, together with the powder should be disposed of. It is certain that the powder will lose its strength, unless well secured, and indeed with every care its qualities will become impaired. With respect to the tents, it is almost impossible to preserve them, and if a sale can be effected, it would be for the advantage of the state that they should be sold. Your committee also recommend that the cartridge boxes, and sword belts, in the arsenals, should be cleaned and oiled; and they beg leave further to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and directed, to sell and dispose of the powder belonging to this state, or such part thereof as they may deem advisable, in such manner, and upon such terms, as they may conceive to be advantageous to the state, also the tents belonging to the state, if in their judgment a sale of the same can be effected, without too great a sacrifice.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to sell and dispose of, upon such terms as they may conceive best, such parts of the arms belonging to this state as may be considered by them not worth repairing, and that they contract for the repairing and cleaning of each of the arms as still require to be repaired and cleaned, and also for the cleaning and oiling of the cartridge boxes and sword belts; and that they draw on the treasurer of the western shore for such sum of money as may be necessary to carry into effect the object of this resolution.

By order,

T. POLLARD, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Polk reports a bill, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government which directs two delegates to be elected in the city of Baltimore as members of the general assembly, and which parts as prescribe the manner of choosing the senate, and of filling their vacancies, and other parts thereof. And Mr. Cockey reports a bill, entitled, An act to prevent swine and geese going at large in Middle Town, in Frederick county; which were read.

Mr. J. Forrest presents a petition from Nathaniel Magruder, and others, praying their names may be changed to M. Gregor; which was read and referred to Messrs. J. Forrest, Cross and S. Stevens.

Mr. Showers presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that the trustees of the academy or school adjoining Saint John's Church may be incorporated; which was read and referred to Messrs. Showers, Orrick and Snowden.

On the second reading of the bill for the revaluation of the real and personal property of Kent county, a motion by Mr. S. Stevens, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be postponed until Friday next? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow: