

Mr. T. Kennedy reports a bill, entitled, An act respecting the assent of creditors to the release of debtors under the insolvent laws of this state; which was read.

Mr. Barney presents a petition from George Charles Townes, praying his name may be changed to Thompson; which was read and referred to messrs. Barney, Snowden and Showers.

Mr. Holbrook, delivers the report of the trustees of Hillsborough school; which was read.

The bill relating to public roads and public landings in Worcester county, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

**AFFIRMATIVE.**—Speaker, Key, Reeder, Millard, Boyer, Thomas, J. B. Eccleston, Brown, Stoddert, Edelen, Posey, Rogerson, N. Martin, Dashiell, Dennis, King, Polk, Frazier, Lecompte, Duvall, Wright, T. N. Williams, Wilson, Parker, Selby, Warfield, M. Pherson, Davis, Gaither, Darne, B. Forrest, Hilleary, Scott, Reid, Blair.—35

**NEGATIVE.**—Marriott, T. W. Hall, Wyvill, Weems, Kent, Beckett, Showers, Snowden, Orrick, D. Martin, Hayward, S. Stevens, W. Eccleston, Lake, Archer, T. Williams, Cross, Lyles, R. T. Hall, J. Forrest, Boyle, R. Stevens, R. Moffitt, Nicholson, Cockey, Maulsby, Allen, Alderson, Norris, Willis, Hardcastle, Whitely, Barney, J. P. Kennedy, Gabby, T. Kennedy, Kershner, Bowles.—38.

Determined in the negative

The bill to alter such parts of the constitution as relates to the manner of altering and changing the constitution and form of government of this state, was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Maulsby, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the next general assembly? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

**AFFIRMATIVE.**—Speaker, Marriott, Steward, T. W. Hall, Wyvill, Weems, Kent, Becket, Showers, Snowden, Orrick, D. Martin, Hayward, N. Martin, S. Stevens, W. Eccleston, Lake, Frazier, Lecompte, J. S. Moffitt, Archer, Wroth, T. Williams, Cross, Lyles, R. T. Hall, J. Forrest, Boyle, Duvall, Wright, R. Stevens, R. Moffitt, Nicholson, Cockey, Maulsby, Allen, Alderson, Norris, Willis, Hardcastle, Whitely, J. P. Kennedy, Gabby, T. Kennedy, Kershner, Bowles.—46.

**NEGATIVE.**—Key, Reeder, Millard, Boyer, Thomas, J. B. Eccleston, Brown, Stoddert, Edelen, Posey, Dashiell, Dennis, King, Polk, T. N. Williams, Wilson, Parker, Selby, Warfield, M. Pherson, Davis, Gaither, Darnes, B. Forrest, Hilleary, Scott, Reid, Blair.—28.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill establishing the form of the oath of office, and to repeal certain parts of the constitution and form of government, was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Lecompte, That the following be stricken out to wit: That the members of the legislature, electors of the senate, and all executive and judicial officers, before they act as such, and all persons elected or appointed to offices of profit or trust, before entering upon the duties thereof, shall respectively take and subscribe the following oath, or affirmation: I, A. B, do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the state of Maryland, and support the constitution thereof, and that I will to the best of my skill and judgment diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of — according to the constitution and laws of this state. And be it enacted, That from and after the confirmation of this act, all other oaths, declarations and subscriptions, required by the constitution and form of government, be and the same hereby are repealed, abrogated and abolished. And be it enacted, That if this act shall be confirmed by the general assembly, after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, as the constitution and form of government directs, that in such case this act, and the alterations and amendments of the constitution and form of government therein contained, shall be taken and considered, and shall constitute and be valid, as a part of the said constitution and form of government, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding? Some time was spent in debating the same, when the house adjourned until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, January 20, 1821.

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

On motion by Mr. Bowles, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal all that part of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the division of Washington county into five separate election districts, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Bowles, Gabby and Kershner, report the same

On motion by Mr. Marriott, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act respecting writs of habeas corpus. Ordered, That Messrs. Marriott, Maulsby and Stoddert, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Alderson, Ordered, That the returns from the clerks of the commissioners of the tax of the several counties of this state, be referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Lecompte presents a petition from Elizabeth Birkhead, praying that the proceedings of the commissioners in the division of the estate of Dr Daniel Sullivan may be confirmed; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Lake and Eccleston.

Also a report from the trustees of Cambridge Academy; which was read.

Mr. Boyle, delivers the following resolution:

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, in all cases of debts due to this state, where judgment has been obtained, or may be obtained, before the meeting of the next general assembly, and the defendants are liable to execution, upon application being made for them, and being fully satisfied by the certificate of the orphans court or levy court, or commissioners of the tax, or a majority of either of them, that the said debt, for which indulgence is prayed, is well and sufficiently secured, and upon such applicant paying six per cent interest, and all costs due thereon, to stay any further proceedings against such debtors until the first day of January eighteen hundred and twenty two, provided that any judgments upon which proceedings may be stayed as aforesaid, shall continue and remain in full force, and executions may be issued at any time within twelve months after the expiration of such stays.

Mr. M. Pherson presents a memorial from the grand jury of Frederick county, praying for a separate court, criminal and equitable jurisdiction; which was read and referred to Messrs. M. Pherson, Warfield, Maulsby, Davis and B. S. Forrest.

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