

Mr. Stoddert reports a bill, entitled, An act authorising Edmond Henry Contee to remove certain negroes into the state of Maryland; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy, reports a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Medical Society of Baltimore. And Mr. Bowles reports a bill, entitled, 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; which were read.

The bill for the relief of Basil Deaver, of Frederick county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill for the benefit of the trustees of Garrison Forest Academy, and the trustees of the Franklin Academy in Baltimore county, was read the second time and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

**AFFIRMATIVE.**—Messrs. Key, Plater, Reeder, Millard, Boyer, Thomas, Brown, Marriott, Weems, Kent, Dalrymple, Stoddert, Edelen, Posey, Rogerson, Showers, Snowden, Orrick, Hayward, Dashiell, Dennis, King, Polk, W. W. Eccleston, Lecompte, J. S. Moffitt, Archer, Wroth, J. Forrest, Boyle, Duvall, Wright, Warfield, Davis, Cockey, Maulsby, Allen, Barney, J. P. Kennedy, Gabby, T. Kennedy, Kershner, Gaither, Harding, Darne, B. Forrest, Hilleary, Scott.—48.

**NEGATIVE**—Messrs. Steward, T. W. Hall, Wyvill, Lake, Frazier, T. Williams, Cross, Lyles, R. Hall, R. Stevens, R. Moffitt, Nicholson, T. N. Williams, Wilson, Parker, Selby, Alderson, Norris, Willis, Hardcastle, Whitely, Bowles.—2.

Resolved in the affirmative

The resolution in favour of William Kilty, Thomas Harris and John N. Watkins, was read and assented to.

On motion by Mr. Marriott, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 24, 1821,

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to proceed on to-morrow at 12 o'clock to the election of directors on the part of the state, for the Union Bank of Maryland, the Merchants Bank of Baltimore, the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore, the Farmers Bank of Maryland at Annapolis, the Branch of the Farmers Bank of Maryland, at Easton, the Hager's town Bank, and the Elkton Bank of Maryland. The following gentlemen are put in nomination on the part of this house, for directors for the Union Bank of Maryland, William Pinkney, Junr. and William Stansbury; for the Mechanics' Bank of Baltimore, Tobias E. Stansbury and William Stuart; for the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore, John Barney and Upton Bruce; for the Farmers Bank of Maryland at Annapolis, William Kilty and Nicholas Brewer, Senr for the Branch of the Farmers Bank of Maryland at Easton, Lambert Reardon, and William Clark; for the Hager's town Bank, John Buchanan and Daniel Schnebly; and for the Elkton Bank of Maryland, George Beaton. Messrs. Marriott and Millard are appointed by this house to join such gentlemen as may be named by you to count the ballots, and report thereon.

By order,

J. BREWER, CLK.

The clerk of the senate delivers the further supplement to an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the square in the town of Boonsborough, in Washington county, to Swearingen's ferry on the Potomac river; the further supplement to an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the town of Westminster in Frederick county, through Harman's Gap, to Hager's town in Washington county; the supplement to the act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the west bank of the Conococheague creek, at Williamsport, to intersect the Cumberland turnpike road at or near Stone Quarry Ridge, passed December session 1818; and the supplement to the act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Boonsborough through Williamsport, to intersect the turnpike road now making from Cumberland to the west bank of Conococheague, passed December session 1817, severally endorsed 'will pass.' Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to repeal an act of assembly therein mentioned, endorsed 'will not pass.' And the bill authorising the levy court of Prince-George's county to levy a sum of money for purposes therein mentioned, endorsed 'will pass with the proposed amendment,' which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. A bill, entitled, An act for the maintenance of debtors actually confined in prison; a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the Cumberland Bank of Allegany county; and a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Samuel Jones; which were read. The bill for the relief of poor and distressed families in case of execution for debt and distress for rent, with the following message:

BY THE SENATE, January 24, 1821.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message of the 11th, returning to us the bill, entitled, An act to preserve to families their necessary bed, bedding, and wearing apparel, which you request us to reconsider. A respectful deference for your wishes, and a regard for the feelings and interest of those for whose benefit this measure was intended, have induced us to bestow on it a careful reconsideration, and to state to you the reasons which prevent us from giving it our sanction, in its present form.

These reasons may be summed up in one general remark; that the proposed measure, though it may afford relief in some particular cases of hardship and suffering, is calculated, in its general operation, to injure instead of benefiting the class of persons for whose benefit it is intended. It must tend to encourage improper expense in the articles of bedding and cloaths, by protecting them entirely against the claims of creditors, landlords and the public. We say entirely, because the proposed exemption extends to all necessary bedding and apparel, and no mode is devised or suggested, and perhaps none free from objection can be devised, of ascertaining what bedding and apparel are necessary in each particular case so as to prevent abuses and mischief.

In cases of insolvency, where a similar exemption is allowed, the county court, which is authorised to make the allowance, must at the same time determine what bedding and apparel is necessary; and this determination will be made on a view of all the circumstances of the case, and after hearing the opposite party if required.

But the bill under consideration establishes no mode of making this essential inquiry; consequently a