

place in Somerset county, and the bill for the relief of Anthony Yerkess, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to provide for the payment of costs in the case of forfeited recognizances, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Key, the question was put, That the following be added: "And be it enacted that from and after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of all persons taking recognizance, to the condition of the same the payment of all costs which may be incurred by reason of a forfeiture the same?" Determined in the negative.

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

The bill authorising the transcribing and rebinding of records in the office of register of wills in An Arundel county, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. King delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Miles, of Somerset county, beg leave to report—That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion, that by an act already passed at the present session, entitled, An act for the relief of the sheriffs and collectors of the several counties in this state, the county courts are invested with power adequate to afford the petitioner relief, and therefore the prayer of the petitioner is inexpedient and ought not to be granted; they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

T. POLLARD, CLK.

Which was read and concurred with.

Mr. Kent presents a report from the school fund of Calvert county; which was read:

Mr. Lecompte presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying for the incorporation of a school which they have established; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Frazier and W. Eccleston.

Mr. Whitely reports a bill for the better regulation of the town of Denton in Caroline county. Mr. Dennis reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of John King, and certain other securities of William S. Handy, late collector of Somerset county. And Mr. D. Martin reports a bill, entitled, An act authorising the recording of a deed from Thomas Mulliken, and wife, William Berry; and a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Benjamin Roberts, of Talbot county; which were read.

The bill to pay the civil list and other expenses of civil government, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The supplement to the act to provide for the opening and extension of Pratt-street in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Frazier, Ordered, That the reports in favour of revolutionary claims have a second reading on Wednesday next.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following resolutions:

BY THE SENATE, January 26, 1821.

Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That they do concur in the resolution of the general assembly of Vermont, heretofore communicated to this general assembly, recommending the adoption of an amendment of the constitution of the United States, for the purpose of establishing an uniform mode of choosing representatives in the congress of the United States, and of electors of the president and vice-president, in the following words, to wit: Resolved by the general assembly of the state of Vermont that for the purpose of choosing representatives in the congress of the United States, each state shall, its legislature, be divided into a number of districts equal to the number of representatives to which such state may be entitled. The districts shall be formed of contiguous territory, and contain, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants, entitled by the constitution to be represented. In each district the qualified voters shall elect one representative, and no more. That, for the purpose of appointing electors of president and vice-president of the United States, in each district entitled to elect a representative in the congress of the United States, the persons qualified to vote for representatives shall appoint one elector and no more. The additional two electors to which each state is entitled, shall be appointed in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct. The electors when convened shall have power in case any of them appointed as above prescribed, shall fail to attend for the purposes of their said appointments, on the day prescribed for giving in their votes for the president and vice president of the United States, to appoint another or others to act in the place of him or them so failing to attend. Neither the directors for choosing representatives nor those for appointing electors shall be altered in any state, until a census and apportionment of representatives under it, subsequent to the divisions of the states into districts, shall be made; the division of states into districts hereby provided for, shall take place immediately after this amendment shall be adopted and ratified as a part of the constitution of the United States, and successively immediately afterwards, whenever a census and apportionment of representatives under it shall be made, the division of each state into districts for the purposes, both of choosing representatives and of appointing electors, shall be altered agreeably to the provisions of this amendment, and on any other occasion.

Resolved, That the senators and representatives of this state in congress be requested to use their endeavours to obtain the said amendment to the constitution of the United States.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor of this state, be requested to forward a copy of the preceding resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in the congress of the United States, and also to the governors of the several states, with a request that the same may be laid before their respective legislatures, for their consideration and adoption.

Which was read. Also a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the Farmers Bank of Somerset and Worcester, and the Salisbury Branch Bank; which was twice read, passed, and returned to the senate. Also the additional supplement to the act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of the assembly therein mentioned, endorsed 'will pass with the proposed amendment;' which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the bill authorising Anthony Ricketts, of Montgomery county, to take from the registers office of said county the original will of Sarah Brice, endorsed 'will pass.' Ordered to be engrossed.

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