

posed to be accomplished, can be more fully ascertained, and all other facts disclosed that may be necessary to enable the legislature to act understandingly on the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

R. BENNETT, Clk.

Which was read and concurred with.

On motion by Mr. Maulsby, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act entitled, An act to regulate lotteries. Ordered, That Messrs. Maulsby, Hayward, Barney, Lecompte and Key, report the same.

Mr. Allen reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Harriet Matthews, of Baltimore county, which was read.

On motion by Mr. Hayward, the bill establishing the titles and bounds of lands, and for other purposes, was referred to the next general assembly.

Mr. Wright presents the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, setting forth the evils to which they are subject from the unwarrantable protection of their runaway slaves by the citizens of Pennsylvania, and praying a redress of their grievances, beg leave to submit the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas the owners of slaves in this state are frequently subject to great imposition and serious inconvenience, from the constant and ready protection afforded their runaway negroes by the citizens of Pennsylvania, it is deemed necessary to call the attention of Congress to the subject. Whenever a runaway slave is pursued, and found in Pennsylvania, every possible difficulty is thrown in the way, so as to prevent a recovery of such slave; there are persons always ready to lend every practicable aid in thwarting the just and legal efforts of the owner in the recovery of his negro. If the colour of legal proceedings fail, force is not unfrequently resorted to. As the present acts of congress are not sufficient to protect the rights of our citizens in relation to their negroes, and since the present state of things is not only vexatious to masters, but extremely pernicious, and calculated to destroy the contentment and happiness of slaves, therefore,

Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That the Congress of the United States be requested to take this subject under consideration, and enact such a law as will prevent the continuance of the evils here complained of.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to forward immediately, copies hereof to each of our senators and representatives in Congress, with a request that they will exert their influence in procuring the adoption of such measures as will effectually protect the rights of slave holders

By order,

J. MOORE, Clk.

Which was twice read and the resolutions therein contained assented to

The bill to change the names of James Woodard and Harriet Woodard, of Anne-Arundel county, and the bill for the benefit of Robert Norris, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to repeal the act of assembly, entitled, An act to avoid suits at law, passed at December session 1818, chapter 218, and the bill for the benefit of the executors of Joseph Thornburgh, of Baltimore county, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Showers, the bill for the better regulation of the town of Denton, in Caroline county, was referred to the next general assembly.

The bill to confirm in Robert Casey, of Baltimore county, his heirs and assigns, a title to ascertain a piece or parcel of land situate in said county, being part of a tract of land called the Tan Yard, was read the second time and will not pass.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the report on the memorial of John Lee Kerr, Esq. Mr. Wilson in the chair, and after some time spent in considering the same, the committee rose, and the chairman reported that the committee of the whole dissented from the report of the committee on the said memorial.

The house then proceeded to consider the report made by the committee of the whole, and on motion by Mr. Forrest, a division was called for, and the question was put, That the house concur with the decision of the said committee of the whole as far as the word 'services' inclusive? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Weems, Kent, Beckett, Dalrymple, Showers, Snowden, Orrick, S. Stevens, W. Eccleston, R. Hall, J. Forrest, Boyle, Duvall, R. Moffitt, Nicholson, Alderson, Willis.—17

NEGATIVE.—Speaker, Key, Plater, Reeder, Millard, Boyer, Thomas, J. B. Eccleston, Brown, Marriott, P. W. Hall, Wyvill, Stoddert, Edelen, Posey, Rogerson, Hayward, N. Martin, Dennis, King, Polk, Lake, Frazier, Lecompte, Archer, T. Williams, Wright, Wilson, Parker, M. Pherson, Maubly, Allen, Norris, Harcastle, Whitely, Barney, J. P. Kennedy, T. Kennedy, Kershner, Bowles, Gaither, Harding, Darne, B. Forrest, Hilleary, Scott, Reid, Blair.—48.

Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house concur with the decision of the committee of the whole on the residue of the report and resolution? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Speaker, Boyer, Thomas, J. B. Eccleston, Brown, Steward, T. W. Hall, Wyvill, Weems, Kent, Beckett, Dalrymple, Showers, Snowden, Orrick, N. Martin, S. Stevens, W. Eccleston, Lake, Frazier, Archer, T. Williams, Cross, R. Hall, J. Forrest, Boyle, Duvall, R. Moffitt, Nicholson, Maulsby, Allen, Alderson, Norris, Holbrook, Willis, Harcastle, Whitely, Barney, J. P. Kennedy, Kershner, Bowles, Gaither, Harding.—43.

NEGATIVE.—Key, Plater, Reeder, Millard, Marriott, Edelen, Rogerson, Dennis, King, Polk, Lecompte, Wright, Wilson, Parker, M. Pherson, T. Kennedy, Darne, B. Forrest, Hilleary, Scott, Reid, Blair.—22.

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. S. Stevens, that the following resolution be added to the report:

Resolved, That the three thousand three hundred dollars which has been paid to John L. Kerr, agent for the state, to prosecute the claim or claims of this state against the United States, be and hereby considered as full compensation for all duties performed or to be performed in relation to the above claim or claims.

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