

The report of the committee on the petition of the securities of William S. Handy, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained dissented from.

On motion by Mr. Allen, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate tavern charges. Ordered, That Messrs. Allen, Barney, B. Forrest, Bowles and Duvall, report the same.

On motion by Mr. R. Moffitt, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act alleviating the present pecuniary embarrassment of the people, providing for the relief of creditors and debtors in this state. Ordered, That Messrs. R. Moffitt, Dennis and T. Kennedy, report the same.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, the following resolutions were read:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised, to negotiate a loan on such terms as the governor and council shall approve, not exceeding twenty-fivethousand dollars, and the faith of the state is hereby pledged for the payment of the principal and interest thereof; Provided always, that in no case shall a larger rate of interest be contracted to be paid than six per centum per annum; and provided that the said loan shall be redeemable at the pleasure of the state, in any time and in any proportions, in five years after the negotiation of said loan.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore under the directions of the governor and council, pay to the mayor, recorder, aldermen and common council of the city of Annapolis, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, as soon as the aforesaid loan is negotiated, to be applied to cutting a channel through an obstruction or bar, at or near the mouth of the same river, so as to render the ingress into said harbour of vessels of the largest class, perfectly free from all difficulties.

On the second reading of the further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish pilots and regulate their fees, on motion by Mr. Key, the same was referred to the 1st day of June next.

Mr. Willis delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of George A. Smith, late sheriff of Caroline county, praying further time to complete his collection, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report—That whereas the general assembly at their present session have passed an act granting to the several county courts in this state power to extend to sheriffs and collectors a further length of time to complete their collections, therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

R. BENNETT, Ck.

Which was read and concurred with.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill for erecting a wharf at the town of Queen-Anne, in Prince-George's county; the bill respecting certain roads in Prince-George's county; and the bill to alter the names of Nathaniel Mortimer Magruder, and others, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to make two public roads therein mentioned in Cecil county, and the bill to repeal the act of assembly, entitled, An act to avoid suits at law, passed at December session 1818, chap. 216, severally endorsed "will not pass." The bill to incorporate the trustees of Taylor's Island Seminary in Dorchester county, 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 more effectual prevention of crimes and reformation of offenders, endorsed "will pass;" which was read. The resolution in favour of Elizabeth L. Gassaway, endorsed "assented to." And the following message:

IN SENATE, February 10, 1821.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We concur with you in your proposal that the governor be invited to attend in the senate chamber on the day; and at the hour mentioned in your message, for the purpose of signing and sealing such laws as have been passed, and have appointed Messrs. Parnham and Hughlett to wait on his excellency for that purpose.

By order,

J. N. WATKINS, Ck.

Which was read.

The house, according to the order of the day proceeded to the second reading of the report relative to the penitentiary, and on motion by Mr. J. P. Kennedy, the question was put, That the first blank in the first resolution be filled up with \$30,000? Resolved in the affirmative.

The other blank was filled up with the words "1st January 1830."

On motion by Mr. B. Forrest, the question was put, That the following be added to the said resolution: but the faith of the state is not pledged to pay any debt of interest that shall be due on the said loan on the first day of January eighteen hundred and thirty? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, the said amendment was reconsidered and rejected.

On motion by Mr. B. Forrest, the following was added to the first resolution: and the said directors shall, so soon as they borrow the said sum of money, discharge so much of the present debt of the penitentiary as the said loan shall be equal to.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the said resolutions? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns until 4 o'clock P. M.

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The house met.

Mr. Maulsby reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of John M. Tavish; which was read.

The bill for the benefit of the First Independent Church of Baltimore, was read the second time and will not pass.

On the second reading of the bill to authorise Hezekiah Niles to dispose of certain books in the manner therein mentioned.

Mr. Harper and Mr. Taney from the senate, informs the speaker, that his excellency the governor attending in the senate chamber, and requests the attendance of this house to see him sign and seal the laws. The speaker, attended by the members of this house, went to the senate chamber, where his excellency, in the presence of both houses, signed and sealed the laws from No. 1, to 128 inclusive.

The speaker returned and resumed the chair.

The house adjourned until 6 o'clock, P. M.

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A sufficient number of members to form a quorum not appearing, the members present adjourn until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.