

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, the following resolution was read.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they hereby are authorised and requested, to appoint a commissioner, whose duty it shall be to view the several turnpike roads in this state, and to report the situation to the executive, and to procure a statement from each company of the amount of capital invested, the expences incurred, in keeping the roads in repair, the rates of tolls charged, and the dividends annually declared, since the formation of the several companies, that the same be laid before the legislature at their next session. The said commissioner be allowed at the rate of four dollars per day for the time he shall be necessarily employed in the performance of his duties, to be paid out of the contingent fund.

And the question put, That the house assent to the same? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Beckett, the bill to provide for such of the militia of Maryland as were wounded during the late war, was referred to the next general assembly.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act to direct the mode of collecting the several taxes imposed on proceedings in the courts of chancery, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 16, 1821.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return you the bill to alter the time of holding the courts of Somerset and Worcester counties, and hope that on reconsideration you will pass the same, for the following reasons: The court of Somerset is held on the fourth Monday in May, and almost always continues two weeks in session, and the court of appeals for the eastern shore being holden on the first Monday in June, it often happens that the chief judge and prosecutor are both absent from the county court at least a week. The court of Worcester county sits on the second Monday in May, and by putting these county courts one week earlier, all objections will be removed and there will not be any interference of other courts.

By order, J. BREWER, Clk.

The resolution in favour of David Grove, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Beckett, the question was put, That the resolution to withdraw the donation from the different academies, be referred to the next general assembly? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—J. B. Eccleston, Marriott, Stewart, T. W. Hall, Kent, Beckett, Dalrymple, Edelen, Rogerson, Showers, Snowden, Dennis, King, Lake, Lecompte, Archer, Cross, J. Forrest, Duvall, Parker, J. P. Kennedy, Kershner, Bowles, Gaither, Darne, B. Forrest, Blair—27.

NEGATIVE.—Speaker, Plater, Millard, Brown, N. Martin, S. Stevens, Polk, W. Eccleston, Frazier, T. Williams, Wright, R. Moffitt, Maulsby, Allen, Alderson, Norris, Willis, Whitely, T. Kennedy, Reid.—20.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution relative to the Potomac company, and the resolution in favour of the clerks, endorsed "assented to." The resolution relative to absconding slaves, endorsed "assented to with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, and assented to. The resolution relative to a wing dam in Susquehanna river; the resolution relative to publishing the law relating to constables, and the resolution relative to the collection of arms, endorsed "dissented from." The bill for the relief of Sally Handy, of Dorchester county, and the bill for the relief of Harriet Matthews, of Baltimore county, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors, severally endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill authorising and empowering the levy courts of the several counties therein mentioned to discontinue out pensions, and for other purposes, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read. And the bill for the relief of Margaret Cooper of Harford county, endorsed, "will not pass."

Mr. Bowles reports a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; which was twice read, passed, and sent the senate.

The bill to authorise the levy court of Dorchester county to allow a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following rule was read and assented to: That for the purpose of facilitating business during the remainder of the session, the speaker shall call successively upon each delegation, and receive from them such motions as they may be disposed to make, and the speaker shall not allow any delegation to make a second motion until all the other members of the house have been called on. This rule is not to prevent motions in the course of the passage of a bill.

The resolution in favour of Thomas Pollard, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house assent to the same? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Key, Plater, Millard, Thomas, Marriott, Wyvill, Edelen, Rogerson, Dennis, King, Polk, W. W. Eccleston, Lake, Frazier, Lecompte, J. Forrest, Duvall, Hardcastle, Whitely, T. Kennedy, Kershner, Gaither, Harding, Darne, B. Forrest, Reid, Blair—27.

NEGATIVE.—Speaker, Boyer, J. B. Eccleston, Brown, Stewart, T. W. Hall, Kent, Beckett, Dalrymple, Showers, Snowden, Orrick, S. Stevens, J. S. Moffitt, Archer, T. Williams, Cross, Boyle, Wright, R. Moffitt, Maulsby, Allen, Alderson, Norris, Willis, Barney, J. P. Kennedy, Bowles.—28.

Determined in the negative.

The bill relating to bail in civil cases, was read the second time, will not pass, and returned to the senate.

The bill for the benefit of the Free School in Anne Arundel county, was read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

The further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate lotteries, was read the second time: On motion by Mr. Allen, the question was put, That the following be added to said bill: "And be it enacted, That from and after the passage of this act, no editor of any news-paper within this state, shall publish any advertisement, offering for sale in this state any lottery ticket or tickets not authorised by this act, or some act of the legislature of this state, under the penalty of one hundred dollars for each offence, to be

recovered by indictment in the city court of Baltimore. On motion by Mr. Beckett, the question was put, That the same be laid before the legislature at their next session? Resolved in the negative.

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