

such, shall, after the passage of the said act, serve any execution or any judgement rendered by a justice of the peace for or under the amount of fifty dollars; and that no sheriff shall violate the provisions of the said act, under the penalty of fifty dollars, recoverable in such manner as the said committee may devise.

ORDERED, That

be a committee to draft and introduce a bill entitled, An act to prevent oppression in the service of executions, the provisions of which shall be as follows: That no clerk or justice of the peace shall issue any execution unless directed so to do by the plaintiff, either personally or by writing, or by his attorney at law, and that no clerk or justice of the peace shall violate the provisions of the said act, under such penalty, and recoverable in such manner as the said committee may devise.

On motion by Mr. Bruce, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to appoint an examiner for the Western and Eastern shore. Ordered, That Messrs. Bruce, Frazier, Greenwell, Lockerman and Snowden, report the same.

The bill to alter and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the division of Frederick county into election districts, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Henry Kemp reports a bill entitled, An act for the benefit of Peter Lingstrom, of Frederick county; which was read.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the clerk to the executive, enclosing a statement of the number of arms belonging to the state, and where deposited; and so the number of justices of the peace now in commission in the several counties in this state; which was read.

Mr. Snowden reports a bill entitled, An act to make valid a deed therein mentioned; and Mr. Kennedy reports a bill entitled, An act to continue in force the acts of assembly which would expire with the present session; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Pigman, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act for quieting possessions, annulling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers. ORDERED, That Messrs. Pigman, John Forrest and H. Kemp, report the same.

The amendments proposed by the senate to the bill for appointing a printer to the state, were read the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The house according to the order of the day proceeded to the second reading of the bill providing for the appointment of an attorney general.

On motion by Mr. Bruce, the question was put, That the first section be stricken out? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, That the whole bill be stricken out, for the purpose of inserting the following:

"A further supplement to the act entitled, An act providing for the appointment of an attorney general, and of district attorneys in the several judicial districts of this state, and for Baltimore city court.

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, the several district attorneys of this state, authorized by the act to which this is a supplement, shall hold their commissions during pleasure, and in no other manner, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

"And be it enacted, That all that part of the seventh section of the act to which this is a supplement, which relate to the district attorneys, and the tenure of their office during good behavior, be and the same is hereby repealed."

A division of the question was called for by Mr. J. Forrest, to be put on striking out, and after some time spent in debating the same,

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1822.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the principal of Washington Academy; which was read.

Mr. Orrick reports a bill entitled, An act to make valid a deed therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Kennedy delivers the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvement, to whom was referred the memorial of the citizens of Baltimore, relating to the improvement of the River Susquehannah, beg leave to report:—

That from the importance of the subject, and from the particular aid asked for by the memorialists, they are induced to make a separate report, in order that the house may be early possessed of the subject. Your committee would think it superfluous to dwell much on the importance of the trade of the Susquehannah. It is sufficient to refer to the very peculiar geographical features of this river, with respect to the state of Maryland, and to the manner in which it penetrates and pervades the greatest and wealthiest parts of Pennsylvania, and finally seeks its outlet in the state of Maryland. That this main artery of Pennsylvania should conduct its force and strength into our state, is a gift of nature which cannot be too much prized or too carefully cherished. But that the course which is attached to the acquisition of the most important goods of life, is necessary to the full enjoyment of the advantages which the Susquehanna offers to us. In the latter part of its course, this noble river is impeded by rocks, and in its passage through hills of granite, the channel becomes crooked and winding, the bed uneven, and the waters rapid, rough and dangerous to the navigator. Much has been done to smooth these obstacles, and it is with much satisfaction that the com-