

TUESDAY JANUARY 22, 1822.

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

The bill to authorise Walker K. A. instead to remove a certain negro into the state of Maryland; the bill annulling the marriage of Theophilus Russell, of Ken county, and Ann his wife; the bill relating to the assent of the legislature to a conveyance of lands in Harford county, made in trust for the benefit of the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal church that may have families on the Harford circuit, and the bill to repeal part of the act of assembly therein mentioned and for other purposes were sent to the senate.

The bill to authorise a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum of money for the purpose of cutting and opening a canal from the head of Black water river into the head of Parson's creek, in Dorchester county, and for paying the expenses of a lottery for said canal, repealed in eighteen hundred and sixteen, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Steward reports a bill entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, an act for incorporating a society to educate and maintain poor orphan and other destitute female children, by the name of the Orphan Charity school of the city of Baltimore; which was read.

The bill to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for the payment of the debts incurred in finishing the church and school house in the village of Boonsborough, Washington county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Ordered by Mr. Watt, ORDERED, That the bill to authorise Jesse Lucas and William Lucas to reside in this state have a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Darnel delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Holmes of Montgomery county, have considered the same, and believing the prayer thereof reasonable, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to William Holmes, of Montgomery county, or his order, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the sum of eleven dollars and fifty cents, with interest thereon from the fifteenth day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty seven, being a sum of money overpaid by him for lands purchased of the state; and the further sum of two dollars paid by him for surveying said land.

By order,

JOHN H. CARROLL, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Waters presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying that justices of the peace may be authorised to try cases of assaults and batteries; read and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill relative to the collection of small debts out of court.

Mr. Barney delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Doctor James Smith, beg leave to report, That in the month of June eighteen hundred and nine, Doctor James Smith presented a memorial to the legislature of Maryland, setting forth that from the first introduction of the kine pock into this state, which was accomplished by him on the first day of May eighteen hundred and one, he had bestowed a great portion of his time and incurred various expenses of considerable amount as well to preserve the vaccine matter as to extend its benefits to every part of the state; and further set forth that he was then conducting a vaccine institution at his own expenses, in which a great many of the poor of the city and county of Baltimore were vaccinated, and from which the physicians of this and the adjacent states generally were supplied with genuine vaccine matter as often as they had occasion to apply for it. But he then informed the legislature that if left alone to combat the prejudices, the folly and the selfishness which opposed his exertions on every side, he feared he would be incompetent to the task he had undertaken; and he prayed that the legislature would sanction his efforts and grant him such pecuniary aid as would enable him to continue his institution, and carry into full effect a plan which he then submitted for the more certain and speedy extirpation of the small pox from this state.

In this plan, Doctor Smith proposed (if his offers were approved by the legislature,) that he would preserve the vaccine matter and furnish it to any physician or other citizen of Maryland, free of expense, for such period of time he would receive a proper compensation from this state for so doing.

In all cases where it was impracticable or inconvenient to consult a physician, Doctor Smith proposed to give such directions with this remedy as would put it in the power of any intelligent person to conduct the whole process of vaccination without any danger, and with the utmost certainty of success. And further, he offered to pay a strict regard to prevent the adulteration of the vaccine matter from any cause of defection to which it is liable; to test its efficacy from time to time and candidly to communicate to the public every information relative to its use or abuse, as often as their interest or safety might require it.

These proposals were accompanied by satisfactory certificates from physicians and other citizens of the highest standing, stating that they had witnessed Doctor Smith's laudable exertions to extend the benefits of vaccination in every direction, and recommending his institution as highly meriting the patronage and support of the state.

The legislature of Maryland lost no time therefore to give due consideration to those important proposals, and a bill was immediately passed by the house of delegates, offering to appropriate one thousand dollars annually, to carry them into effect. But this bill was afterwards objected to in the senate and did not become a law of the state.

The following message will shew the great interest which was then felt in the proposals which had been made by Doctor Smith; and your committee beg leave to recommend the same to the