

Ordered, That Messrs Loockerman, Martin and Dorsey report the same.

On motion by Mr. Allen, the following order was read and assented to:

Whereas, the people are unable to understand a considerable portion of the fee bill, from the fees being established in tobacco instead of dollars and cents; and as this house has lately refused to reduce the fees of different officers—Therefore, ORDERED, That Messrs Allen, Milard and Ballard, be a committee to draft and introduce a bill changing the fees of different officers from tobacco into dollars and cents as aforesaid.

The bill to reduce the pension list, and for other purposes, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Pigman, the question was put, that the following be stricken out:

“And provided also, That any widow of any deceased commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer or private as aforesaid, on the pension list at the time of the passage of this law, who was the wife of such commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer or private while in the public service as aforesaid, shall be entitled to draw the pension now settled on such widow, without making any schedule of property on oath as directed in this act? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hughes, the question was put, That the residue of the bill be stricken out? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow.

AFFIRMATIVE

Messrs Dorsey, Milard, Llewellyn, Moxox, Cannel, Harris, Brown, Dalrymple, Jenife, Eden, Rogeron, Loockerman, Dent, King, Ballard, Waters, Sullivan, Griffith, Travers, Williams, Conger, New, Semmes, Carroll, Hughes, Allen, Barney, Bowles, Gabby, Kershner, Wever, B. S. Foutest, Darne, Duvall—34.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs Spangler, Stewart, Snowden, Showers, Culver, Meconekin, Nicholson, Stevens, Moffett, Purnell, H. Kemp, Pigman, Cates, Bruce, Forwood, Norris, Whiteford, Douglass, Whitely, Hardcastle, Hoffman, Greenwell, Wyatt.—23.

Resolved in the affirmative

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favor of Luther Martin, endorsed, “dissented from.” The supplement to an act entitled, An act for the preservation of the navigation of a branch of the Annapolis river, called North West, in Caroline county; the supplement to an act entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the public square in Hager’s Town, to intersect the turnpike road leading from Gettysburg, through Nicholson’s Gap, at the Pennsylvania line; the bill to authorize the abutment of a bridge on the Maryland shore of the Potomac river at Harper’s ferry and for other purposes; the bill empowering the levy court of Harford county in their discretion to build two bridges over Deer creek, endorsed, “will pass.” Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to repeal an act entitled, An act for the relief of poor and distressed families in cases of execution for debt and distress for rent; the supplement to the act entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein named, severally endorsed, “will pass with the proposed amendments;” which amendments were read, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed. A bill entitled, An act concerning the Sheppard’s Town bridge company, and a bill entitled, An act relating to crimes and punishments in the city of Baltimore, endorsed, “will pass,” which were read. And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 4, 1823.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

In compliance with the request of your message of the first instant, we have reconsidered the amendments heretofore adopted by us to the bill entitled, A supplement to the act incorporating into one the several acts relating to constable’s fees, and have passed the same without that part of the said amendments, which was rejected by you.

By order,

W. KILLY, Clk.

Which was read, and the bill therein mentioned ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Barney presents a memorial and remonstrance of the city council of the city of Baltimore, relative to the inspection of flour; which was read.

Mr. Loockerman presents a petition from Charles Gibson, a free colored man, of Talbot county, praying to be released from prison; read and referred to Messrs Loockerman, Martin and Nabb.

Mr. Loockerman reports a bill entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, An act for the relief of the sheriff and collectors of the several counties in this state; which was read the first and second time by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Semmes presents a petition from Thomas P. Lindsay, of Prince George’s county, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs Semmes, Culver and Chew.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the benefit of Robert Boone, endorsed, “will pass.” Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Dennis reports a bill entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in Somerset county, and Mr. Sautsbury reports a bill entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, an act to punish blasphemous swearers, drunkards and Sabbath breakers, and for repealing the laws heretofore made for the punishment of such offenders; which were read.

Mr. Dennis presents a petition from Matthias Bartgis, praying a subpoena may be issued to George Butzell, Esq of Frederick Town, to testify on Monday next as to the character of the said Bartgis.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill relative to the penitentiary of Maryland, which was amended, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

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