

The bill authorising commissioners to make alterations in the election districts of Montgomery county was read the second time. On motion by Mr. B. S. Forrest that the preamble and bill be stricken out for the purpose of inserting the following:

"WHEREAS, doubts exist concerning the right of Montgomery county to return delegates to the general assembly of Maryland, in consequence of the county being divided into four election districts only; Therefore,

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the four election districts in Montgomery county, as now established, shall be henceforth the election districts for said county, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

"And be it enacted, That if this act shall be confirmed by the next general assembly, it shall be a part of the constitution of this state." A division of the question was called for, and put on striking out the preamble as follows: "Whereas, it appears to this general assembly that the election districts of Montgomery are not laid off as nearly equal as possible with regard to the extent of population." Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on striking out the residue. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. B. S. Forrest that the following be stricken out of the first section, to wit:— "That William Culver, William Wilson, Edward Burgess, Elijah Veirs and Solomon Davis, he, and they are hereby appointed and authorized, or a majority of them, or a majority of the survivors of them, commissioners," for the purpose of inserting the following:—"That the judges of the levy court of Montgomery county at their next session, nominate and appoint seven fit persons as commissioners, whose duty it shall be." A division was called for and put on striking out. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Dorsey, Millard, Maddox, Cannell, Harris, Edelen, Garner, Rogerson, Loockerman, Dennis, King, Griffith, Frazier, Travers, Bruce, Allen, Barney, Gabby, Wever, B. S. Forrest, Darne, Riggs, Duvall—23.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Dalrymple, Sollars, Smith, Weems, Orrick, Snowden, Showers, Nabb, Martin, T. Kemp, Chew, Semmes, J. Forrest, Culver, Carroll, Hughes, Meconekin, Nicholson, Stevens, Moffett, Pigman, Culler, Forwood, Norris, Whiteford, Douglass, Hardcastle, Bowles, Kerahner, Greenwell. — 50 Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. B. S. Forrest, the question was put that the following be added to the clause compensating the commissioners:—"Provided, that the said commissioners shall not receive a sum exceeding two dollars each, for each day they may be engaged in the execution of the duties required by this act." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. B. S. Forrest, the question was put that the following be added to the bill: "And be it enacted, That if this act shall be confirmed by the next general assembly of Maryland, shall form a part of the constitution of this state, and be valid as such." Determined in the negative.

On motion by Bruce, the question was put that the words, "In order to make the number of election districts in Montgomery county conformable to the number required by the constitution," be inserted after the words "Be it enacted by the general assembly of Maryland, that"—Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Cannell, Harris, Woodward, Dalrymple, Sollars, Smith, Orrick, Snowden, Showers, Nabb, Martin, T. Kemp, Maffitt, Craig, Chew, Semmes, Culver, Carroll, Hughes, Meconekin, Nicholson, Stevens, Moffett, Bruce, Forwood, Norris, Whiteford, Douglass, Hardcastle, Hoffman, Greenwell—31.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Dorsey, Millard, Maddox, Weems, Garner, Rogerson, Loockerman, Dennis, King, Travers, Griffith, Frazier, Travers, J. S. Spence, Riley, Pigman, Allen, Kennedy, Bowles, Gabby, Kerahner, Wever, B. S. Forrest, Darne, Riggs, Duvall—26. Resolved in the affirmative and the bill sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Moffett, Ordered that the bill to alleviate as far as practicable the distresses of the people, &c. have a second reading on to-morrow.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favor of Jehu Chandler, endorsed "assented to." The bill to authorize the orphans' courts in this state to appoint trustees in cases therein mentioned, endorsed "will pass"—Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill for the relief of Michael Ford, of the city of Baltimore, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments," which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Waters, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to provide for the liquidation of real or personal property when under execution, and for other purposes. Ordered, that Messrs. Waters, Dorsey and J. Forrest report the same.

Mr. Marriott reports a bill entitled, An act to relieve the citizens of this state from the necessity of giving security for fees when suing in the county courts of the counties wherein they do not reside. Mr. Bruce reports a bill entitled, An act relinquishing the right of the state to appoint corporation directors upon the terms therein mentioned; which were read.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill entitled, An act relating to the city of Baltimore, and to the officers and elections therein mentioned, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read.