

of Alexander Robertson, of Worcester county; the bill for building a bridge over Antieatum creek at John Sharfer's mill, in Washington county, and the bill to provide for building a bridge over Antieatum creek in Washington county, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Purviance presents a petition from Margaret Hamilton, widow of captain John Hamilton; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Franklin presents a petition from Whittington Steel, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs Franklin, Spence and Slemaker.

The resolution setting apart a day for humiliation and prayer, was read the second time, the blank for the day to be appointed for the same, was filled up with the 13th day of March next, the resolution assented to, and sent to the senate.

The chair announced the following committees:

*The committee on public buildings.*—Messrs. Hughes, Wootton and Garner.

*On internal improvements.*—Messrs. J. P. Kennedy, Worthington, Loockerman, Steele, Teackle, Stonestreet and Thomas.

*The committee relative to the resolutions forwarded to the executives of the states of Pennsylvania and Delaware.*—Messrs. Stansbury, Stone and Kilgour.

*On the extension of the charters of the different banks of this state.*—Messrs. Wright, Lloyd and Johnson.

*On the states claim against the general government.*—Messrs. Semmes, Thomas Kennedy and Rogerson.

*The committee relative to the states' agent.*—Messrs. Millard, Estep, Norris, Hoffman and Edelin.

*And on lotteries and lottery commissioners.*—Messrs. Purviance, Spence, Chauncey, Jones and George S. Leigh.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from the Westminster, Taney Town and Emmitsburg turnpike road company, praying they may continue a toll gate at Monocacy; read and referred to Messrs. Thomas, Farquhar and Fisher.

Mr. Farquhar presents a petition from John Gibbon, of Frederick county, praying for a special act of insolvency; read and referred to Messrs. Farquhar, Thomas and H. Kemp.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy presents a petition from Catharine Jeyd, praying for a divorce; read and referred to Messrs. J. P. Kennedy, Purviance and Hughes.

Mr. Cannell reports a bill entitled, An act to divorce captain Theophilus Russell and Ann his wife, of Kent county; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Meconiken, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act entitled, A further supplement to an act entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein mentioned. Ordered, that Messrs. Meconiken, Wright and Johnson, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Howard, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Anne Arundel county into five separate election districts, and for other purposes. Ordered, that Messrs. Howard, Linthicum and Estep, report the same.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy reports a bill entitled, An act for the relief of John Hill, of the city of Baltimore; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following resolution was read:

*Resolved,* That a committee of twelve, five to be appointed on the part of the senate, to be appointed by that honorable body, and seven on the part of the house of delegates, be appointed by the speaker, to visit and inspect the penitentiary during the recess of the legislature, and that they be requested to report to the general assembly of Maryland the situation of the said institution.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to confirm an act entitled, An act to alter that part of the constitution and form of government relating to the division of Dorchester county into five separate election districts, and the bill to provide for the election of a vestry to Saint John's church, in Queen Caroline parish, in Anne Arundel county; severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill for the support of Thomas Deford, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Spence presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, praying that emigrant free negroes from Virginia to said county may be liable to fine or corporal punishment; read and referred to Messrs. Spence, Stonestreet, Drury, Teackle, Maddox, Wootton and Elisha Williams.

The message relative to an adjournment at Christmas, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Millard, the question was put, that the first blank be filled up with the words "the 21st instant?"

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Millard, Maddox, Cannell, Howard, Dalrymple, Weems, Smith, Skinner, Stonestreet, Edelin, Rogerson, Garner, Stansbury, Orrick, Johnson, Teackle, Willis, Craig, Pratt, H. Kemp, Thomas, Farquhar, Fisher, Whiteford, Boone, Casson, Saulsbury, J. P. Kennedy, Purviance, Drury, Keller, Kilgour, Elisha Williams, A. Lee.—34.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Speaker, Stone, Ireland, Massey, Estep, Linthicum, Worthington, Loockerman, Lloyd, Martin, Jones, Steele, Sheredine, Parker, Gerry, Wootton, Carroll, Hughes, Meconiken, Wright, Riley, Spence, Franklin, Norris, Chauncey, Allen, Douglass, T. Kennedy, Greenwell, Hoffman, Tomlinson.—31. Resolved in the affirmative.