

ment of this state, as relates to the division of Baltimore county into election districts, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, Ordered, that the committee of claims cause one hundred copies of the late census of Maryland, to be printed for the use of the legislature.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the question was put, that leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal all laws prohibiting the importation of slaves from other states and territories of the union? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Edelen, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor for Charles county. Ordered, that Messrs. Edelen, Garner and Stonestreet report the same.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the question was put, that leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act supplemental to an act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Howard, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to reduce the per diem of the justices of the orphans' court of Anne-Arundel county, and for other purposes. Ordered, that Messrs. Howard, Estep and Linthicum report the same.

The bill to change and alter the names of William Trece and Eliza Trece, of Caroline county, to William Medford and Eliza Medford, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Ireland reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorise William Knight, of Kent county, to import and bring into this state certain negroes therein mentioned; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Spence, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one system the laws to direct descents. Ordered, that Messrs. Spence, Kilgour and J. P. Kennedy report the same.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to limit and ascertain the number of justices of the peace to be appointed by the governor and council of this state, and for other purposes. Ordered, that Messrs. Thomas, Stansbury, G. Leigh, Sheredine and Saulsbury report the same.

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

The clerk of the senate delivers the additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the turnpike road near Westminster to Faneby Town, thence with the main street through Emmitsburg to Troup's tavern, endorsed, "will pass," ordered to be engrossed.

The supplement to an act for the relief of George Wormeldorf, of Washington county, passed at December session, 1821, chapter 198, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Easton, in Talbot county, and to establish and regulate a market at the said town, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Parker, the following resolution was read:
Resolved, That the costs, and other expenses which have, or shall accrue, in any of the county courts of this state, in prosecutions against persons charged with unlawfully obstructing the navigation of the river Susquehanna, and for which any one or more of the counties may be liable, be paid by the state, and that the clerks of the respective courts, in which any cost and other expenses have or shall accrue, cause bills of the same to be laid before the judges thereof, and if by them found to be correct, and according to law, they are hereby authorised and required to draw on the treasurer of the Western Shore for the amount of the same.

Mr. Hughes presents a petition from Sarah Mace, of the city of Annapolis, praying for support; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hughes, Estep, Linthicum, Carroll and Howard.

Mr. H. Kemp presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying that the orphans' court of this state may have power to order a sale of real property in certain cases therein mentioned; read and referred to Messrs. H. Kemp, Steele, Boon, Meconiken and Stonestreet.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the afflicted child of William Mattingby, junior, of Saint Mary's county; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following order was read:
Ordered, That the committee of claims be authorised to have the desks of the house, during the Christmas recess, cut down a few inches, in such manner as to render them more convenient to the members, and without injuring their uniformity of appearance.

Mr. T. Kennedy delivers the following report:
The committee appointed to bring in a bill, entitled, "An act to extend to the citizens of Maryland the same civil rights and religious privileges that are enjoyed under the constitution of the United States," respectfully ask leave to report—That they have taken the subject into their serious consideration, and it is a subject of far greater importance than at the first glance may be imagined; it is a subject in which the honor, the character, the interest, and the future prosperity of the state, are all deeply interested.

Religious liberty does not exist in Maryland, for religious liberty cannot be said to exist under any government where men are not permitted to worship God in the manner most agreeable to the dictates of their own consciences, or what is the same thing, denied the enjoyment of civil rights, and rendered incapable of holding any office, civil, military or judicial, except they acknowledge their belief in a particular system of religion.