

This question has been presented to the consideration of former legislatures in another form. It is now presented to your consideration on what your committee think, is the true ground, on the ground of extending to all the citizens of Maryland, without distinction of sect or name, the same civil rights and religious privileges enjoyed under the constitution of the United States, and surely no danger can arise from our following the examples of our sister states, or from incorporating into the constitution of Maryland the language used in the constitution of the United States, and ask leave to report a bill to that effect. All which is respectfully submitted,

By order,

J. COCKEY, Jr. Clk.

And 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; which were read.

Mr. Stansbury presents a representation from the directors of the penitentiary, giving an account of their proceedings, and a statement of the situation of that institution; read and referred to Messrs. Stansbury, Cannell, J. P. Kennedy, Maddox, Stonestreet, Parker and Worthington.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1822.

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

On motion by Mr. Stansbury, Ordered, that the petition of Henry Vernon Somerville; be referred to Messrs Stansbury, Orrick and Johnson.

On motion by Mr. Allen, Ordered, that the bill to alter the constitution so that members of the senate may be hereafter elected immediately by the people, have a second reading on the 2nd of January.

Mr. Rogerson reports a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Matthias Clements, of Charles county; which was read.

The bill to authorise Nathan Betton, late sheriff of Queen Ann's county, to complete his collection, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Howard reports a bill entitled, An act to reduce the per diem of the justices of the orphans' courts of Anne Arundel county, and for other purposes; and Mr. Orrick reports a bill entitled, An act declaring void the declaration of uses therein mentioned; which were read.

The bill for the relief of Richard Bennet Mitchell, of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Purviance presents a petition from the Asbury Sunday school society of Baltimore, praying for an act of incorporation; read and referred to Messrs. Purviance, John P Kennedy and Stanl.

Mr. Purviance reports a bill entitled, An act to remove an obstruction in Water street, in the city of Baltimore; which was read.

The house according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill to abolish joint tenancy. On motion by Mr. Loockerman, the question was put, that the following be stricken out: "That in no case of property, either real or personal, holden or possessed by any joint tenants, shall the parts of those who die first accrue to the survivor or survivors, but they shall descend or pass by devise, and shall be subject to debts, charges, courtesy or dower, or transmittable to executors or administrators, and be considered, to every other intent and purpose, in the same manner as if such deceased joint tenants had been tenants in common." Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the same was re-committed for amendment.

The bill for the sale of the real estate of which Tobias Belt died seized, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill entitled, A further additional supplement to the act entitled, An act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors and administrators, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons; a bill entitled, An act to incorporate a company in Baltimore county, by the name of the Baltimore manufacturing company; a bill entitled, An act to incorporate a company in Baltimore county by the name of the Avalon company; and a bill entitled, An act to alter and change all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the oaths to be taken by the members of the senate and house of delegates, severally endorsed, "will pass;" which were read. The supplement to an act entitled, An act relating to public roads in the several counties therein mentioned, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill to change the names of William Trice and Eliza Trice, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stansbury reports a bill entitled, An act authorising Henry Vernon Somerville to remove certain negroes into the state of Maryland; which was read.

Mr. Hughes presents a petition from Joseph Williams, of the city of Annapolis; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Garner reports a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Robey, of Charles county; and Mr. Purviance reports a bill entitled, An act to incorporate the Asbury Sunday school society; which were read.

Mr. Pollard presents a petition from Joseph Cresap, of Allegany county; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.