

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

Ordered, That the committee on divorces report favorably on no petition until they shall be satisfied that the parties concerned have had sufficient time to file any vouchers with said committee, in order to counteract the allegations of the party applying for such divorce; and that in future no favorable report be made by the said committee, on such applications, unless the party applying shall have given public notice, for the space of three weeks, in some one or more newspapers published in this state, nearest to the residence of the party so applying, of their intention to make such application to this legislature.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, the question was put, that the whole be stricken out from the word "ordered." Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill to authorise William Knight, of Kent county, to import and bring into this state certain negroes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, *Ordered*, that the list of balances reported to this house by the treasurer of the western and eastern shores, be referred to the committee of ways and means, and that the printing of the same be deferred until the actual, as well as the nominal balances can be ascertained.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the benefit of Phebe Sutton, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the supplement to the act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Easton, endorsed, "will pass." *Ordered* to be engrossed.

Mr. A. Lee reports a bill entitled, An act for the benefit of Walter Sims, of Montgomery county; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Pratt, the question was put, that leave be given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to alter all parts of the constitution vesting power in the government to grant divorces, and for other purposes? Determined in the negative.

On the second reading of the resolution from the senate, approving of the measures of the general government. On motion by Mr. Allen, the question was put, that the words "and cause a progressive increase of this means of defence," be stricken out? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs: Norris, Chauncey, Allen.—3.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Speaker, Stone, Maddox, Ireland, Cannell, Massey, Estep, Linthicum, Howard, Weems, Smith, Skinner, Stonestreet, Edelin, Rogerson, Stansbury, Orrick, Johnson, Worthington, Loockerman, Lloyd, Martin, T. Kemp, Jones, Teackle, Steele, Byus, Willis, Hooper, Sheredine, Craig, Parker, Gerry, Culver, Wootton, Hughes, Carroll, Meconiken, Wright, Riley, Spence, Franklin, H. Kemp, Farquhar, Fisher, Whiteford, Boon, Douglass, J. P. Kennedy, Purviance, T. Kennedy, Drury, Keller, Kilgour, Elisha Williams, A. Lee, Greenwell, Hoffinan, Pollard, Tomlinson.—60. Determined in the negative.

The resolutions were unanimously assented to.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1822.

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

Mr. Parker delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying that a road may be opened from Red or Gray's hill, to the Delaware line; and the counter petition relative to the same, have had the subject under their consideration, and report as their opinion, that the case of the petitioners is embraced in the supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to public roads in the several counties therein mentioned; and they recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions.

Which was read.

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Wright, the house reconsidered the bill relative to the Union Bank. On motion by Mr. John P. Kennedy, *Ordered*, That the same have a second reading on the 6th January.

The resolution approving of the measures of the general government, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Millard presents a petition from Theophilus Davis, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Millard, Maddox and Stone.

Mr. Stone presents a petition from Elizabeth Leech, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Stone, Millard and Maddox.

The bill for the relief of Mary Roby; the bill for the relief of Matthias Clements; and the and the bill declaring void the declaration of uses therein mentioned; were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Stone presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, praying for a new election district; read and referred to Messrs. Stone, Maddox and G. Leigh.

On motion by Mr. Millard, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, *Ordered*, That Messrs. Millard, Stone and Stonestreet, report the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Chester river, at Chester-Town, endorsed "will pass;" which was read.

Also the bill appointing commissioners for the regulation and improvement of the Village of Hillsborough, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.