

On motion by Mr. Thomas. leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to regulate the proportion to be allowed to tenants by the curtesy, in sales of real estate under the authority of the chancellor or county courts. Ordered, that Messrs. Thomas, Kemp and Kilgour, report the same.

Mr. Steele reports a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Edward Graham, of Dorchester county, and Mr. Stansbury reports a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Caleb Merryman and John Merryman, of Benjamin, security of William Merryman, former sheriff of Baltimore county; which were read.

Mr. Teackle reports a bill entitled, An act relating to Princess Anne town, in Somerset county; which was twice read, and will not pass.

The order proposed by Mr. Purviance, relative to the introduction of persons within the bar of this house was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Allen, the words "ministers of the gospel," were inserted after the word "legislature."

The question was then put, that the house assent to the said order? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Teackle reports a bill entitled, An act to repeal so much of the act therein mentioned as relate to Somerset county, and Mr. Whiteford reports a bill entitled, An act for the benefit of Abraham Whittaker, of Hartford county, and for other purposes; which were read.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1823.

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

Mr. Purviance presents a petition from Ann Ryan, praying for a divorce; read and referred to the committee appointed on similar petitions.

And a petition from Robert Oliver, praying for a release of the state's right to the property therein mentioned; read and referred to Messrs. Purviance, J. P. Kennedy and Hughes.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the trustees of Hillsborough school; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Purviance the bill for the relief of Everiste Maury and its accompanying documents were withdrawn.

The bill for the benefit of James C. McDowell, of Cecil county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate. The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, January 7, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*—The senate have received your message and the bill for the benefit of Thomas Ruby. The senate have on reconsideration, felt themselves obliged to adhere to their former opinion and have rejected the bill. They have been influenced solely by the fact, that the woman mentioned in the bill had acquired a perfect right to her freedom, by her removal into this state by a citizen thereof, without the observance of the conditions on which the introduction of a negro is authorised.

When was read.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

Also the bill for the relief of Priscilla Grover and her two idiot sons, of Calvert county, endorsed, "will pass," ordered to be engrossed. And a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the recording of certain deeds and other papers, endorsed, "will pass," which was read.

The bill to incorporate a company to erect a bridge over Severn river in Anne-Arundel county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Allen, Ordered, that Messrs. Allen, Stansbury and Lloyd be a committee to report on the state of the different institutions for education receiving donations from this state.

The bill to authorise William Fountain to convey certain lands therein mentioned, and for other purposes, was read the second time and passed.

The bill to incorporate a company to make a wharf at the town of Cambridge in Dorchester county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The resolution relative to the barracks at Frederick Town, was read the second time, assented to and sent to the senate.

Mr. Norris reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to make public the proceedings of the levy courts in the several counties in this state; and Mr. Teackle reports a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the inconveniences arising from slaves being permitted to act as free; which was read.

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

WHEREAS, several of the levy courts of this state, did not levy and assess on their several counties the sums required by the act of December session, 1821, chapter 192, in sufficient time for the collectors to collect the same, and make payment into the treasury, therefore,

Resolved, That no process shall issue against any collector of the aforesaid revenue before the first day of July next.

On motion by Mr. Stansbury, the question was put, that the words "first day of July next" be stricken out for the purpose of inserting the words "10th day of August?" Determined in the negative. The resolution was then assented to and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Leech, of St. Mary's county; and the bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of Charles county, endorsed, will pass. Ordered to be engrossed.