

On motion by Mr. Kilgour, the bill to authorise William Fountain to convey certain lands therein mentioned, was reconsidered, and the question again put, shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

The house according to the order of the day proceeded to the consideration of the bill to extend to the citizens of Maryland the same civil rights and religious privileges that are enjoyed under the constitution of the United States. On motion by Mr. Allen the question was put, that the same be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. A. Lee the question was put, that the first section be stricken out? Determined in the negative. After some debate, the further consideration of the same was postponed.

Mr. Teackle presents a petition from Polly Wright and others, praying to be paid as witnesses in a case where they were summoned on a petition for freedom; which was read.

Mr. Stansbury presents a petition from John Chesley; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

On motion by Mr. Spence, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act relating to writs of certiorare and prohibition, and for other purposes. Ordered, that Messrs. Spence, Kilgour and Thomas report the same.

On motion by Mr. Wootten, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein named. Ordered, that Messrs. Wootton, Culver and Semmes report the same.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy presents a petition from Ann Speddon, of the city of Baltimore; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Meconiken presents a petition from Richard Moffitt, of Queen Anne's county, for an abatement of interest on a judgment against him; read and referred to Messrs. Meconiken, Roberts and Wright.

Mr. Millard delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, praying that a law may pass, authorising the levy court of said county to levy on the assessable property of Saint Mary's county, the sum of one hundred dollars annually, for the support of Mary Fitzgerrald, in the hospital of Baltimore, beg leave to report—That they have examined a law which embraces the case under their consideration, passed at December session, 1817, chapter 78, and therefore request to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition; which was read.

Mr. Kilgour presents a petition from Rachel Donaldson, of Montgomery county, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Kilgour, Williams and A. Lee.

Mr. Jones reports a bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of the real and personal property in Somerset county; and Mr. Teackle reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the heirs of Jesse H. Wainright, late of Somerset county; which were read.

Mr. Orrick presents a petition from Henry Lammott, of Baltimore county, praying that a lease may be made valid; read and referred to Messrs. Orrick, Stansbury and Worthington.

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

WHEREAS, it is represented to the general assembly of Maryland, by the petition of Richard Moffitt, late sheriff of Queen Anne's county, that the state hath obtained a judgment against him in Queen Anne's county court, for the sum of one hundred and forty-six dollars, with six per cent interest, and cost, and he prays to be released from the nine per cent per annum, with which he may be chargeable; therefore,

*Resolved*, That Richard Moffitt, late sheriff of Queen Anne's county, be, and he is hereby released from the payment of nine per cent per annum of the fifteen per cent per annum, with which he is chargeable; *Provided*, he shall pay off the said judgment with six per cent, per annum, and all the costs, on or before the first day of April next.

Mr. Stansbury presents a petition from John Murray, of Baltimore county, praying he may be authorised to collect the damages sustained and allowed him by the commissioners for opening Aisquith-street; read and referred to Messrs. Stansbury, Orrick and Johnson.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1823.

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

Mr. Semmes, presents a petition from Chloe Lanham, and Esther Ivington, of Prince George's county, praying for support; read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature from Prince George's county.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, Ordered, That the petition of Betsey Reggin, Polly Wright and Sarah Duffey, be referred to the select committee appointed to enquire into the administration of justice, with instruction to enquire into the propriety of so amending the law in relation to petitions for freedom, and to provide for the payment of witnesses.

Mr. Worthington reports a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Eve Catharine Zur Buchan, a lunatic, of Baltimore county; and Mr. Maddox reports a bill entitled, An act respecting last wills and testaments; which were read.

The bill to authorise the levy court of Saint Mary's county, to assess a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Maddox presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, praying for the support of William Lathrum; read and referred to Messrs. Maddox, Stone and Millard.