

Mr. Parker moved to refer it to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Millard reports a bill entitled, An act extending the time of taking the bond of the sheriff of Saint Mary's county; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

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

WHEREAS, at least one-half of the rooms in the court house in the town of Easton are used and occupied exclusively by the officers of the state of Maryland, and not by officers of the county: And whereas, the tax which has been from time to time levied for the repairs of said court house, has become oppressive to the county: And whereas, it is unjust that the repairs of the said court house should be effected by levies on Talbot county alone, inasmuch as it is equally used and occupied for the purposes of the state: Therefore,

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the levy court of Talbot county, or to their order, the sum of _____ dollars, to be expended, under the direction of the said levy court, in repairing the court house in the town of Easton.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the auditor of the state, inclosing a statement of the sums expended for the public buildings; which was read.

Mr. Hoffman presents a petition from James Reeside, of Allegany county, praying he may remove a slave into this state; read and referred to Messrs. Hoffman, Greenwell and Tomlinson

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

WHEREAS, there are a number of arms at each of the armories of this state, which with very trifling repairs, and cleaning, would render them fit for service, which, while left in their present situation, are becoming more injured by rust, and less valuable; therefore,

Resolved, That the governor and council (if they think it advantageous to the interest of the state) cause such arms as are wanting only trifling repairs & cleaning, to be repaired and cleaned, by the respective armorers, or any proportion of such arms as they may think most advisable; and when so repaired and cleaned, to be, by the said respective armorers, deposited with and kept cleaned, with such other cleaned arms as may be in the respective armories.

Mr. Wootton appears in the house.

The house resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, it being the bill to extend to the citizens of Maryland the same civil and religious privileges that are enjoyed under the constitution of the United States.

On motion by Mr. A. Lee, that the preamble and first section be stricken out; after some time spent in debating the same, on motion by Mr. John P. Kennedy, the question was put, that the further consideration of the same be postponed until Tuesday next? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1823.

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

Mr. Loockerman reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the heirs of John Leaverton, late of Talbot county, deceased; and Mr. Chauncey reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways; which were read.

Mr. Purviance presents a petition from Sarah Smith; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Norris presents the report of the commissioners of the school fund for Harford county; which was read.

Mr. Purviance presents a petition from sundry merchants of Baltimore, praying for an act of incorporation for establishing an office of deposit for foreign bank notes in said city; read and referred to Messrs. Purviance, T. Kennedy and J. P. Kennedy.

Also a memorial from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, praying that Lewis Rodrigues may be permitted to practice as a physician; read and referred to Messrs. Purviance, T. Kennedy and J. P. Kennedy.

Also a memorial from the First Independent Church of Baltimore, praying for a lottery; read and referred to Messrs. Purviance, Carroll and J. P. Kennedy.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Prince George's county, relative to the attendance of judges; read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill authorising the appointment of a trustee for the sale of the remaining part of the Nanticoke Indian lands in Dorchester county; and the bill for the benefit of William Martin, of Harford county, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed; also a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a wharf at the town of Cambridge, in Dorchester county, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed; and a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Mary Chapman, administratrix of Henry H. Chapman; which was read.

The bill for the benefit of Buckler Bond, and others, of Harford county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Saulsbury reports a bill for the relief of John A. Batchelder, of Caroline county; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to regulate the allowance to tenants by the curtesy in the sales of real estates under the authority of the chancellor or county courts, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.