

this state, in the same manner, and under similar obligations, which have heretofore been required for the performance of such duties by the state printer.

*Resolved further,* That on the fulfilment, on the part of the printer, with whom such contract shall be made, of all the obligations contained in said contract, to the satisfaction of the governor and council, that they be, and are hereby authorised, to draw on the treasurer of the Western Shore, for such sum of money as may be necessary to fulfil said contract, not exceeding the usual amount allowed to the state printers.

Mr. Thomas presents several communications from the citizens of Frederick county, soliciting that the said county may be divided, and two additional courts for said county constituted, until such division; read and referred to Messrs. Thomas, H. Kemp, Farquhar, Fisher and Wright.

On motion by Mr. Pollard, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act respecting certain land certificates. Ordered, that Messrs. Pollard, Hoffman and Tomlinson report the same.

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

*Ordered,* That no leave shall be granted by this house after Saturday the 25th, on which a bill may be reported.

Mr. Teackle reports a bill, entitled, An act to abolish imprisonment for debt, and for other purposes; which was read.

The bill for the benefit of James Reeside, of Allegany county, was read the second time by special order, and passed.

The additional supplement to an act to incorporate a company to make the several turnpike roads therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Sheredine, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the destruction of sheep in Cecil county. Ordered, that Messrs. Sheredine, Parker and Gerry report the same.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a society for the promotion of useful arts. Ordered, that Messrs. Teackle, Purviance, Norris, Stone-strict and Steele report the same.

The bill for the relief of Francis Hawkins, and others, of Prince George's county; and the bill for the relief of William Workman, were read the second time and passed.

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

*Resolved,* That all sheriffs and county clerks, against whom judgments have been obtained by the state, be, and they hereby are released from the payment of the additional nine per cent, interest per annum, with which they are chargeable by law.

On motion by Mr. John P. Kennedy, Ordered, that the committee of claims be instructed to have such ventilators inserted in the windows of the house, as may be necessary to preserve the air in a pure state.

The order relative to the distribution of printed documents was read the second time and dissented from.

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

WHEREAS, there are numerous works of science and of art published in Europe, which from the expense of plates, from the smallness of their demand, from their extent and magnitude, and from various other considerations, cannot be reprinted in this country; and as it is the sense of this legislature, that science and literature should, by all possible means, be encouraged; Therefore,

*Resolved,* That it is the sense of this legislature, that the importation of all works of science and art, should be free from any impost or duty, and that a proposition should be made to any government, in which the United States have an ambassador, for rendering all books duty free, coming from any such country, whose government will render the exemption reciprocal, and that the governor be requested to transmit a copy of this preamble and resolution to the members of the senate of the United States, and representatives in congress from the state of Maryland.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill relating to the public roads in Caroline county: The bill for the benefit of Samuel, Lucy, and others, people of color; and the bill for the relief of George Noble, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for the relief of James B. McKawn, endorsed, "will not pass."

The resolution relative to the payment of costs in certain cases, endorsed, "assented to."

The resolution relative to the report of the commissioners, concerning the Potomac river, endorsed, "assented to with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, and assented to.

On motion by Mr. A. Lee, the following message was read and assented to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 18, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the Senate.*—In answer to your message of the 16th inst. we beg leave to explain that a written communication was intended on the part of this house.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Mr. Allen reports a bill, entitled, An act to alter and amend the constitution for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1823.

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