

for the extension of the characters of the several banks in this state, and for other purposes; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Chauncy, the following order was read.

Whereas the petitions from revolutionary officers and soldiers, of the Maryland line on the continental establishment, have become almost innumerable: And whereas the whole, or the greater part of said petitioners, are amply provided for by the general government: Therefore, Ordered, that a committee of seven be appointed by the chair, to take the same under their serious consideration, and report to this house the result of their deliberations.

And the question put, That the house assent to the same? Determined in the negative.

The resolution relative to furnishing the senate chamber with a new carpet, &c. was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Allen, the question was put, That the words "house of delegates," also be inserted? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, the resolution was referred to the next general assembly.

The resolution relative to the importation of works of science, & literature was read the second time, and dissented from.

On motion by Mr. Estep, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of real and personal property, in Anne-Arundel county. Ordered, That Messrs. Estep, Carroll, Linticum, Hughes and Howard, report the same.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to provide for a new assessment, and to appoint collectors of the tax in and for the city and county of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. John P. Kennedy reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the orphan children of William Vance, of the city of Baltimore.

Also a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate a society for the promotion of useful arts.

And Mr. Teague reports a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Baltimore second Dispensary useful arts; which were read.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from Daniel Scollars, and Priscilla his wife, of Frederick county, praying a law may pass investing the said Priscilla of a right of dower in certain property; read and referred to Messrs. Thomas, H. Kemp and Farquhar.

On motion by Mr. Norris, Ordered, That messages from the senate will be received at any time during the sitting of this house.

On motion by Mr. John P. Kennedy, Ordered, That the order relative to the extinguishment of the public debt, have a second reading on the 28th inst.

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

*Whereas*, the congress of the United States, did, at the first session of the sixteenth congress, pass a bill, entitled, An act designating the ports within which only, foreign armed vessels shall be permitted to enter, which in its effect is particularly prejudicial to the interest of the state of Maryland; Therefore,

*Resolved*, That our senators and representatives in the congress of the United States, be requested to use their best endeavours to effect the repeal of the aforesaid act, either in whole or in part, and particularly so, that armed vessels belonging to any foreign power, with whom the United States are on friendly terms, may hereafter be admitted into any port or ports within the Chesapeake bay, or its waters.

*Resolved*, That the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the preceding preamble and resolution, to our senators and representatives, to be by them submitted to the consideration of both houses of congress.

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

TUESDAY, January 21, 1823.

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

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

Ordered, That the committee of grievances and courts of justice be and they are hereby instructed to report a bill, regulating and establishing the fees of the sheriffs, coroners, register of wills, clerks of the county courts, county surveyors, justices of the peace and constables, in such manner as to render uniform the fees of said officers, throughout the state.

And the question was put, That the house assent to the same? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Semmes presents a petition from John Smith, of Prince-George's county; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of Caleb Merryman and John Merryman, of Benjamin; and the bill for the benefit of Lewis Creager, of Frederick county, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill extending the time of taking the bond of the sheriff of Saint-Mary's county, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

And the bill relating to a road in Harford county, endorsed "will not pass."

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the register of the land-office for the western shore, stating the records thereof to be in a suffering condition, and being exposed to the ground floor; read and referred to Messrs. Millard, Estep and Hughes.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the justices of the orphans court of Cecil county, giving an account of the distribution of the school lands, which was read.