

Mr. Saulsbury presents a petition from George A. Smith, register of wills for Caroline county, praying compensation for completing the records of the late register; read and referred to Messrs. Saulsbury, Boon and Douglass. Also a petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, praying for the repeal of so much of the law which prevents swine going at large in Denton; read and referred to Messrs. Saulsbury, Casson and Boon.

On motion by Mr. Allen, Ordered that the further supplement to an act entitled, An act relating to public roads in the several counties therein mentioned, passed at December session, 1821, chapter 152, have a second reading on the 5th February.

The supplement to the act entitled, An act to repeal parts of the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and the bill to authorise the trustees of the poor of Cecil county, to dispose of certain lands therein mentioned, and to purchase other lands; were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

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

Ordered, That Messrs. Teackle, Millard, Linthicum and Boon, be a committee to enquire into the expediency of printing the public laws from stereotype plates; and of preserving the plates as the property of the state, with a view to subsequent supplies of the entire code, or of such of the laws as may relate to any particular branch of legislature, and by printing a lesser number of the private acts in the ordinary mode, to report an estimate of the saving which might result to the state from the proposed improvement.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from John Stringer, of Anne Arundel county, praying the state may relinquish its right to certain lands therein mentioned; read and referred to Messrs. Howard, Linthicum and Estep.

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

Ordered, That hereafter no orders or resolutions be printed, except in the proceedings of the house, and the question was put, that the house assent to the same? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, Ordered, that the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, and for other purposes, have a second reading on the 29th inst.

Mr. John P. Kennedy presents a petition from Joseph Townsend, Thomas Hillen, and others, counter to the petition of John Murray; which was read and referred to the committee on the petitions to which it is counter.

On motion by Mr. Hughes, the committee was enlarged, and Messrs. Hughes and Martin were added thereto, and the bill formerly reported, together with the petitions, be referred to the said committee.

The house resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the bill relative to civil and religious privileges, and the question was put, that the preamble and first section be stricken out. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Edelin, the question was put, that the bill be withdrawn from the hands of the chair, for the purpose of offering a substitute? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE:—Messrs. Maddox, Cannell, Linthicum, Howard, Edelen, Rogerson, Garner, Worthington, Loockerman Lloyd, Jones, Teackle, Dennis, Meconiken, Thomas, Fisher, Norris, Whiteford, Casson, Willis, Douglass, Kilgour, Williams, A. Lee, Duvall, Hoffman.—25.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Speaker, Millard, G. Leigh, Stone, Ireland, Massey, Hodges, Weems, Smith, Skinner, Stansbury, Orrick, Johnson, T. Kemp, Steele, Byus, Hooper, Sheredine, Parker, Cosden; Semmes, Hughes, Carroll, Roberts, Wright, Pratt, Slemaker, Riley, H. Kemp, Farguhar, Stonestreet, Chauncey, Allen, J.P. Kennedy, T. Kennedy, Drury, Keller, Galloway, A. Lee, Greenwell, Pollard, Tomlinson.—42. Determined in the negative.

After some time debating the bill, Mr. Pratt called for the previous question, which was put, that is "shall the main question put?" Determined in the negative.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1823.

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

Mr. Fisher reports a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to build a steeple to, and affix a bell in the church in Westminster, in Frederick county; which was read.

Mr. Drury presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington and Frederick counties, praying an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of building a bridge across Potomac river, at Harper's Ferry; read and referred to Messrs. Drury, Henry Kemp, Keller, Thomas and Worthington.

Mr. Millard presents a report from the commissioners of the school fund for Saint Mary's county; which was read.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying for an act of incorporation for the benefit of the town of Anmitsburgh.

Mr. Boon presents a petition from the citizens of Greensborough, in Caroline county, praying the repeal of the law prohibiting swine from going at large; and a petition counter thereto, read and referred to Messrs. Boon, Casson and ...

Mr. Cannell presents a petition from David Davis, of Kent county, praying his name may be changed to that of David Davis; read and referred to Messrs. Cannell, Ireland and Massey.