

On the second reading of the bill to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of cutting a canal from the head of Black water river into the head of Parson's creek, in Dorchester county, and for paying the expenses of a lottery for said canal, repealed in 1816. Mr. Cosden moved to refer the same to the fifth day of June next. Resolved in the affirmative.

The supplement to an act entitled, A supplement to an act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a lot of ground in Coxes town, in Baltimore county, and to erect a building thereon, to be used as a school house and meeting house, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to authorise the congregation of the German reformed church in Middletown, in Frederick county, to raise a sum of money by lottery to defray the expense in part for building their church in said town, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Cosden, the question was put that the same be referred to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, Ordered, That Messrs. Thomas, J. P. Kennedy and Lockerman, be a committee to enquire why reports of the decisions of the court of appeals of this state have not been continued to be made and published, and to devise means, if necessary, for their publication.

Mr. Semmes presents a petition from John Hepburn, Mary Coolidge, and others, praying a debt due John Hepburn, deceased, by the Messrs. Moisons, and whose property was confiscated, be paid to them; read and referred to Messrs. Semmes, Wootton, T. Kennedy, Stone-street and Kilgour.

Mr. Purviance reports a bill to incorporate the Maryland Manufacturing company; a bill entitled, An act to authorise John M'Eldry and Hugh M'Eldry, of the city of Baltimore, to wharf out certain water lots in the city of Baltimore belonging to their respective wards, and to raise by mortgage on said lands, monies for that purpose; a bill entitled, An act to repeal an act to relieve the people of this state, as far as practicable, from the evils arising from the demands made on the banks of this state for gold and silver by brokers, and to prohibit the officers of the different banks from buying and selling bank notes of the banks of this state at a less price than their nominal value; and a bill entitled, A supplement to the act entitled, An act taxing or licensing certain dealers in lottery tickets and others.

Mr. Wright reports a bill entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, An act for the support of Thomas Deford, of Queen Ann's county, an afflicted son of Edward Deford of said county:

Mr. J. P. Kennedy reports a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Robert Oliver, of the city of Baltimore, and a bill entitled, An act to explain an act entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, an act to provide for the opening and extension of Pratt street in the city of Baltimore; which were read.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the auditor, in compliance with the order of this house, relative to the armorer at Annapolis; which was read.

Mr. G. Leigh presents a petition from Stephen Bryan, of Saint Mary's county, praying to be released from confinement; read and referred to Messrs. G. Leigh, Stone and Maddox.

Mr. Johnson presents a petition from William Hauck and others, counter to the petition of Richard Richards; read and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

Mr. Norris presents a petition from John Kean, Esq, late sheriff of Harford county, praying the state may pay certain fees for which he is liable; read and referred to Messrs. Norris, Chauncey and Whiteford.

The bill for the benefit of the stockholders of the Susquehannah Bridge, was read the second time, and will not pass.

The bill to enable the vestry of the Evangelical Lutheran church in Frederick town, to raise a sum of money for enlarging their church, repairing their school house, and purchasing a burial ground; and the bill 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, were on motion by Mr. Parker, referred to the 1st of June.

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

*Whereas*, the legislature has adopted state lotteries as a source of public revenue: *And whereas*, as the enactment of laws for private purposes, or local interests, may clash with, and embarrass the operations of the general system; it is therefore ordered, that further legislation on the minor lotteries, will not be entertained by this house.

The bill authorising a lottery for the benefit of the Union church in Taney town, in Frederick county; the bill to authorise a lottery for the benefit of St. Paul's church, in Sharpsburg, Washington county; the bill for the benefit of the First Independent church of Baltimore, and the bill respecting the Union wool manufactory, were referred to the 1st June next.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 30, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—As we are about to proceed to the appointment of bank directors on the part of the state, we propose, with the concurrence of your honorable body, to appoint a joint committee of five, to consist of two on the part of the senate, and three on the part of this house, for the purpose of enquiring into the amount of debts due by each state director heretofore appointed:

Mr. Millard delivers the following report:

The committee appointed on the part of the house of delegates to visit and inspect the penitentiary, beg leave to report—That they have discharged the duties assigned them, and have the satisfaction to state, that the institution appears to be managed by those, to whom it is entrusted, with ability as it respects their internal regulations, judgment in the arrangement of