

After some time the speaker resumed the chair, when the chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion by Mr. Carroll, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of electing the mayor, recorder, aldermen and common council, of the city of Annapolis. Ordered, That Messrs. Carroll, Hughes and Howard, report the same.

On the second reading of the bill to provide for the widening of Cheapside-street in the city of Baltimore.

On motion of Mr. Stansbury, the words "at the expense of the city of Baltimore" were stricken out of the clause providing for the filling up and paving.

On motion by Mr. Stansbury, That the following be stricken out?

"Provided, That nothing shall be done by said commissioners in pursuance of the provisions of this act, unless with the approbation and consent of the mayor and city council of the city of Baltimore, expressed by an ordinance to be passed by them for that purpose." after some debate

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY, 3, 1823.

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

Mr. Howard delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel and Baltimore counties, praying a law may pass authorising the laying out and opening a road, from the old road leading from Baltimore to Frederick, at or near Poplar Spring, to Resolution Meeting-House in Baltimore county; as well as the counter petition thereto, beg leave to report, that they have had the said petitions under consideration, and are of opinion, that the existing laws amply provide for the petitioners.

They therefore recommend that they have leave to withdraw their petitions.

Which was twice read and concurred with.

By order,

T. CROSS, Clk.

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

Whereas, a resolution (passed at the last session of the general assembly,) in favour of Samuel Lecompte, George A. Z. Smith, Charles Leary and Stephen Thomas, of Dorchester county, is doubtful in its import and meaning; Therefore, Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That the above mentioned Samuel Lecompte, George A. Z. Smith, Charles Leary, and Stephen Thomas, be and they are hereby released from the payment of the composition money on any quantity not exceeding three thousand acres of marsh land, laying on Chicknaconico, Nanticoke, and Blackwater rivers, in Dorchester county, and in Somerset county; and they are hereby authorised to take up or locate warrants of survey on said quantity of marsh land as aforesaid described, without being obliged to pay the composition money on the same.

On motion by Mr. Henry Kemp, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled; An act to provide for the administration of justice in cases of crimes and misdemeanors in Frederick county. Ordered, That Messrs. Henry Kemp, Steele and Thomas, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Teackle the following resolutions were read:

Whereas, in the existing state of exhaustion and paralysis, the natural result of a fatal policy, in drawing the revenue of the federal government from the consumption of foreign manufactures: And whereas, the sacrifices of property, and the distress of the people, in consequence of the deleterious drain of precious metals, and the prevailing scarcity of circulating medium, cry aloud for the immediate extension of a helping hand, for the employment of effective labour, and improving the great sources of inland navigation: And whereas, it is believed, that these objects are within the controul of the legislature; it is therefore,

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide by law, for limited emission of public currency, to be made applicable to the important purposes of internal improvement, and to be funded in succession at a rate of interest not exceeding _____ per centum per annum, payable quarterly, for every _____ dollars of the currency, and to be made redeemable at the pleasure of the state.

1. The emission shall not exceed three hundred thousand dollars in one year, and shall not be continued beyond ten years, but may be restricted to a shorter period.

2. The facilities of the emission shall be of denominations under five dollars.

3. They shall be apportioned in the following ratio:

One third part or \$100,000 annually, towards the improvement of the Potomac navigation. One third part or \$100,000 annually towards the improvement of the Susquehanna, and other inland navigation, in that section of the state. And one third part or 100,000 annually, towards the inland navigation of the eastern shore, whereof not more than two fifths or \$40,000 annually shall be applied towards the completion of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal; and the residue towards the improvement of the navigation of the Pocomoke, including the connexion of its head waters with the Atlantic Ocean, the Choptank, Black Water, and other streams on that shore. The whole to be under the management and direction of a board of public works, and the state to derive the resulting dividends & profits, in perpetuity, from all investments in the various objects of internal improvement hereby contemplated.

And it is further Resolved, That all the revenues to result from lotteries shall constitute a redeeming fund, to be invested in constant succession, as they arise, in the public debt of the U. States, with its accumulations of interest to be reinvested, and compounded, for the reimbursement, and faithful payment of all the loans to be created for internal improvement.