

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Potomac Canal Company; on motion by Mr. Allen, the question was put, that the 18th section, providing "that the treasurer of the western shore be authorised and directed to subscribe in behalf of this state, one thousand shares of the capital stock, and the money necessary to be paid in consequence of such subscription, shall be paid by this state, in stocks owned by the state, or such as may be created hereafter, or in any other manner that the general assembly may adopt," be stricken out? After debating the same,

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1822.

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

Mr. Boon delivers the following report;

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, to build a bridge over Choptank river, at Blades' Fording place, beg leave respectfully to report—That they have had the same under their consideration, and find from a law passed at November session, eighteen hundred and two, chapter thirteen, that the road leading to said fording place, was opened and made a public highway, on condition that the bridge at no time should be built or repaired at the county charge, therefore are of opinion, that the prayer of said petitioners should not be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition,

By order,

I. HINES, Clk.

Which was read and concurred with.

Mr. Millard delivers the following report:

The committee appointed by the house of delegates to visit and inspect the penitentiary, have ascertained, since their first report, that the execution of the sentences on criminals, as relates to solitary confinement, is impracticable in the present extent and structure of the house.

They therefore acquit the directors of said institution of any censure, either directly or indirectly, and would wish it distinctly understood, that the conduct of the directors in general, meets the approbation of your committee.

Your committee, in speaking in their former report of the abuses which the existing laws may have been instrumental in producing, do not mean to cast any censure on the keeper of the penitentiary, the agent, or the physician.

By order, J. COCKEY, Jr. Clk.

Which was read and concurred with.

Mr. Meconiken presents a petition from Ann Jeffers, of Queen Ann's county, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Meconiken, Roberts and Wright.

Mr. Johnson presents a petition from James Green, of Baltimore county; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Orrick presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that the levy court of said county may be compelled to publish their proceedings; read and referred to Messrs. Orrick, Worthington and Stansbury.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favor of Robert Ross, endorsed, "assented to, with the proposed amendment," which amendment was read and assented to.

The bill for the support of Martha Conner, the idiot daughter of James Conner of Kent county, and the bill to repeal the eighteenth section of an act entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Queen Ann's county, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to authorise the county clerks of this state to judge and approve of security in cases therein mentioned, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments; which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill for the relief of Isaac Harris, endorsed, "will not pass." And the bill to prevent trespasses in Allegany county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments; which amendments were read. And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 6, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—We concur in your proposal to invite the governor into the senate chamber to sign the laws passed by this session that are not already signed, but would respectfully suggest to you the 8th, instead of the 15th instant.

The laws that will then be prepared for the governor's signature, we understand will be sufficiently numerous to engage him for several hours. If you agree to the suggestion, the senate name Messrs. Johnson and Kent to wait, in conjunction with such gentlemen as you may select, on the governor, and apprise him of the contents of this message.

Which was read.

By order,

Wm. KILTY, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Hoffman, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 7, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We have received your message, proposing to invite the governor to sign such laws as may be ready for his signature on the 8th instant, and concur therewith, and have appointed Messrs. Hoffman and Ireland, in conjunction with the gentlemen named by your honorable body.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Mr. Ireland presents a petition from Sarah Faggart, and other citizens of Kent county, praying for her support; read and referred to Messrs. Ireland, Massey and Hodges.

The bill for the relief of Susanna Brown, Mary Kirby and others, and the supplement to the act entitled, An act to authorise the abutments of a bridge on the Maryland shore of the Po-