

Mr. Kilgour presents petitions from Rachel Donaldson and Thomas N. Burdett, praying for support; which were read and referred to Messrs. Kilgour, A. Lee and Williams.

Mr. Fisher presents a petition from Charles Robison, of Frederick county; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

The resolution in favor of the securities of William S. Handy, late sheriff of Somerset county, was read the second time and dissented from.

Mr. Kilgour reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas N. Burdett, of Montgomery county; which was read.

On the second reading of the resolution relative to state debtors, on motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, the following was assented to as a substitute, and sent to the senate.

Resolved, That all state debtors be and they hereby are released from the payment of the additional nine per cent interest per annum, with which, in certain cases, they are chargeable by law, on their paying the amount due, with six per cent interest, and any costs that may have accrued where judgments have been obtained against such state debtors.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, Ordered, that the bill abolishing imprisonment for debt, have a second reading on Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the house reconsidered the bill for the benefit of the first Independent Church of Baltimore. Mr. Cannell moved to refer the same to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Purviance, the question was put, that the following be added to the bill?

And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to make it the duty of the lottery commissioners, appointed by this state, to attend the drawing or management of this lottery in any respect whatsoever? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Speaker, Millard, Stone, Maddox, Hodges, Estep, Linthicum, Dalrymple, Weems, Skinner, Stonestreet, Garner, Stansbury, Orrick, Johnson, Worthington, Loockerman, Martin, Steele, Byus, Hooper, Semmes, Roberts, Meconiken, Wright, Franklin, H. Kemp, Farquhar, Fisher, Norris, Chauncey, Allen, Boon, Saulsbury, John P. Kennedy, Purviance, Thomas Kennedy, Drury, Kilgour, Williams, A. Lee, Duvall, Pollard.—43.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Ireland, Massey, Rogerson, Lloyd, Jones, Teackle, Sheredine, Parker, Gerry, Hughes, Carroll, Pratt, Slemaker, Douglass, Keller, Galloway, Tonlinson—17. Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 13, 1823.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates—We have reconsidered the second section of the bill, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in the counties therein mentioned, in compliance with the request contained in your message of the twelfth instant, and have amended the 2nd section by limiting the time of appeal to three months. To the first section we think it best to adhere.

By order,

Wm. KILTY, Ck.

Also the following letter:

WASHINGTON, February 11, 1823.

SIR—I had the honor to receive your excellency's letter of the 21st ultimo, conveying a resolution of the general assembly, proposing an alteration of the constitution of the United States, relative to internal improvements. The ill health of colonel Lloyd induced me to delay presenting it to the senate for a day or two. I presented it on the 27th, and moved that it should lay on the table, until my colleague could attend. Finding, however, that his ill health continues, I waited on him, and presented for his consideration, a resolution which I had prepared, to which he assented. And I did yesterday submit the same to the senate. It is exactly conformably to the instructions. When printed, I will forward a copy to your excellency.

I have the honor to be, with the highest respect, your excellency's most obedient servant,
S. SMITH.

May I hope that your excellency will communicate this letter to the general assembly, that it may account for the delay.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, ANNAPOLIS, February 13, 1823.

Gentlemen—I transmit to the general assembly a letter from the honorable Samuel Smith, one of our senators in congress, acknowledging the receipt of the resolution adopted by that honorable body, proposing an amendmet to the constitution of the United States, respecting internal improvements. Together with a letter from his excellency the governor of Georgia, enclosing resolutions adopted by the legislature of that state, on the subject of an amendment proposed by the state of Pennsylvania to the constitution of the United States. Also a copy of a scheme of a lottery adopted by our commissioners.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL STEVENS, Jr.

The honorable the President of the Senate, and

The honorable the Speaker of the House of Delegates,

Which was read and ordered to be placed on the journal.

On motion by Mr. A. Lee, the following was ordered to be placed on the journal:

Report from the committee appointed on the subject of the Potomac river.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the joint commissioners of the states of Virginia and Maryland, and the letter of the speaker of the house of delegates of the latter state, upon the subject of the navigation of the Potomac river, have had the same under their consideration, and have come to the following resolutions thereupon,