

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

Resolved, That the governor and council be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to sell and dispose of all the arms, tents and other camp equipage now in the armory in this city, that they in their discretion may deem consistent with the public interest.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to authorise Walker K. Armistead of Prince George's county, to remove negro Cyrus into this state, endorsed, "will pass;" ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Millard reports a bill entitled, An act to confirm an act entitled, an act to repeal an act entitled, an act to alter, change and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of St. Mary's county into four election districts, passed at December session, 1822; and Mr. Turbutt reports a bill entitled, An act to authorise the register of wills of Frederick county to collect debts due from the estate of deceased persons; which were read.

The bill for the relief of Jacob Taylor, was read the second time by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. M-Henry reports a bill entitled, An act for the destruction of Panthers in Allegany county; which was read.

Mr. Pitt reports a bill entitled, An act to confirm the proceedings of certain commissioners therein mentioned; which was twice read by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to confirm an act entitled, an act to extend to all the citizens of Maryland the same civil rights and religious privileges that are enjoyed under the constitution of the United States. Ordered that the committee appointed to bring in a bill to reform the constitution report the same.

On motion by Mr. E. B. Duvall, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to alter and amend such parts of the constitution as relate to the election of the senate, and council to the governor. Ordered, that Messrs E. B. Duvall, Merrick, Fenwick, Pitt, Lockerman, Linthicum and Peter, report the same.

The additional supplement to the bill to authorise Henry Vernon Somerville to remove certain negroes into the state of Maryland, and the bill to confirm the proceedings of William F. Gleaves as a justice of the peace, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Millard, Ordered, that the Speaker direct all public bills which he may think proper to be printed during the present session.

On motion by Mr. J. T. H. Worthington, Ordered, that all bills which have been once read and are entitled to a second reading by the rules of this house, shall be arranged every morning agreeably to seniority, by the clerk, and placed on the speaker's desk, and taken up by the speaker in their turn, and read a second time, although no motion for a second reading has been made.

Mr. Douglass reports a bill entitled, an act to repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the election of four delegates from each county; which was read.

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

THURSDAY, December 11, 1823.

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

Mr. William G. D. Worthington presents a petition from Richard Batturs, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency; read and referred to Messrs. W. G. D. Worthington, Semmes and W. Stewart.

On motion by Mr. Hopper, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act authorising Robert C. Dawson, of the state of Delaware, to bring into this state certain negroes therein mentioned. Ordered, that Messrs. Hopper, Meconiken and Nicholson, report the same.

The bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the Council for the ensuing year. —The bill to authorise the Levy Court of Somerset county to provide an office for the clerk of said county; and the bill relating to the appointment of Constables in Harford county; were read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Howard the bill to prevent Justices of the Peace and Constables of the city of Annapolis from having jurisdiction out of the limits of the said city, and for other purposes, was recommitted.

On motion by Mr. Steel, ordered, that the bill to authorise the Levy Court of Frederick county to recover from delinquent supervisors and others, any balance due said county as other small debts are out of court, be recommitted.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Prince George's county, relative to the attendance of judges; read & referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

On motion by Mr. W. Stewart, ordered, that the bill to increase the number of Delegates from the city of Baltimore to four, and to alter and abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as are repugnant thereto, have a second reading on Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act for the relief of William C. Beard; ordered, that Messrs. Semmes, E. B. Duvall and Clark, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Clark, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to authorise the citizens of this state to sue in any of its county courts without being compelled to give security for officer's fees; ordered, that Messrs. Clark, Merrick and Hughes, report the same.

Mr. Pitt reports a bill entitled, an act to repeal an act, entitled, an act for the better protection of slave holders in the several counties therein mentioned, so far as the same relates to Dorchester county; which was twice read by special order, passed and sent to the senate.