

On motion by Mr. Millard, ordered that the bill to confirm an act, entitled, an act to repeal an act, entitled, an act to 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; have a second reading on the 11th January next.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, an act for the support of Jemima Floyd and her infant children, paupers, of St. Mary's county. Which was read.

The bill to incorporate the Fell's point beneficial society, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Semmes, the question was put that the same be referred to the first day of June next.

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

**AFFIRMATIVE**—Messrs. Ireland, Coburn, Hodges, Howard, Linthicum, C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, Ely, Jones, Dennis, Bratton, Dashiell, Pitt, Willis, Hutson, Henderson, Gerry, Bryan, Semmes, Wootton, Carroll, Meconiken, Moffett, Nicholson, Slemaker, Purnell, Riley, Turbutt, Fisher, Kemp, Cromwell, Sewell, Norris, Elijah Barwick, Douglass, Boon, Gabby, Williams, W. Duvall, Bruce, M'Mahon.—41.

**NEGATIVE**—Messrs. Speaker, Leigh, Gough, Millard, Rogerson, Garner, J. T. H. Worthington, Johnson, Lookerman, Lloyd, E. B. Duvall, Hughes, Hopper, Whiteford, Steel, Ed. Barwick, W. Stewart, W. G. D. Worthington, Bowles, Merrick, Peter, Kilgour, M'Henry.—23. Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of Jacob Tyler, endorsed will pass, with the proposed amendments, which amendments was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And a bill for the benefit of Benjamin M'Creery and John Watkin of Harford county; endorsed, will pass, ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Iglehart reports a bill entitled, an act to prevent justices of the peace and constables of the city of Annapolis, from having jurisdiction out of the limits of said city, and for other purposes. Which was read.

Mr. Pitt reports a bill entitled, an act reviving an act for the preservation of the breed of wild deer in Somerset and Dorchester counties, so far as relates to Dorchester county. Which was twice read by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Merrick reports a bill entitled, an act to abolish an useless expense attending jury trials. Which was read.

Mr. Riley presents a petition from John Mason, praying permission to bring slaves into this state. Read and referred to Messrs. Riley, Purnell and Slemaker.

Mr. Miller presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles county, praying that John F. Gray may be authorised to receive one sixth, as toll at his mill. Read and referred to Messrs. Miller, Rogerson and Garner.

Mr. Semmes presents a memorial from the committee appointed by a convention held at the city of Washington, to propose and present a memorial requesting the concurrence of the state of Maryland in the incorporation of a company to form a connection of the Atlantic and the Western waters by a canal. Which were read and referred to a committee appointed on that subject.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the auditor of the state. Which was read.

Mr. Carroll reports a bill entitled, an act to provide for the building of a powder magazine at the seat of government. Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 13, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—We herewith transmit you a copy of a certain preamble and resolution of the legislature of Tennessee, communicated by the governor of this state at the request of the governor of Tennessee and to propose to you, that the preamble and resolutions be printed for the use of the members of the senate and house of representatives.

By order,

W. KILTY CLK.

Which was read. Also resolutions of the state of Tennessee, disapproving of a caucus nomination for president. Which were read. Also the bill to appoint trustees for the Little Falls meeting house and Forrest meeting house in Harford county, endorsed 'will pass,' ordered to be engrossed. And the bill for the better payment of the jurors and justices of the levy court in Cecil county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments," which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the question was put, that the resolutions of the state of Tennessee be printed. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

**AFFIRMATIVE**—Messrs. Leigh, Gough, Millard, Howard, Linthicum, C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, Edelen, Garner, Ely, Dennis, Bratton, Dashiell, Pitt, Hutson, Bryan, Semmes, Wootton, Carroll, Hopper, Moffett, Riley, Cromwell, Whiteford, Sewell, Norris, Steel, Boon, Edward Barwick, Kershner, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, Peter, Kilgour, Williams, W. Duvall, M'Mahon, M'Henry.—59.

**NEGATIVE**—Messrs. Speaker, Fenwick, Weems, J. T. H. Worthington, Johnson, Lookerman, Lloyd, Jones, Willis, Henderson, Gerry, E. B. Duvall, Meconiken, Slemaker, Purnell, Turbutt, Fisher, Kemp, W. Stewart, W. G. D. Worthington.—21. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, Ordered, that the preamble and resolutions of the legislature of the state of Tennessee, together with the various preambles and resolutions, which have been offered to this house on the same subject, be referred to a select committee of five, and that the speaker appoint the said committee. The speaker appointed Messrs Merrick, Kilgour, Lookerman, Henderson and E. B. Duvall.