

Mr. Riley reports a bill entitled, an act to authorise John Mason, of Worcester county, to import certain slaves into this state; which was read.

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

WHEREAS, it appears to this general assembly by the petition of Elizabeth M. Spalding, widow and administratrix of George H. Spalding, late sheriff of Charles county, that at the death of her said husband, George H. Spalding, he was indebted to the state of Maryland for balance of taxes on proceedings in chancery, fines, forfeitures, &c. placed in his hands for collection, the sum of three hundred and seven dollars and fifty cents; that as soon as the said Elizabeth M. Spalding was apprised of the balance due by her said husband George H. Spalding, which was not until some time in the year eighteen hundred and twenty two, she paid to the treasurer the above sum of three hundred and seven dollars and fifty cents, leaving a balance due to the state of thirty five dollars and thirty two cents, which is the result of the accumulation of interest on the account as the statement and account of the treasurer herewith exhibited will evince. She therefore prays to be released from the payment of the said sum of thirty five dollars and thirty two cents interest on the said claim of the state. Therefore,

Resolved, That Elizabeth M. Spalding, executrix of Henry H. Spalding, late sheriff of Charles county be, and she is hereby acquitted and forever discharged from the payment of thirty five dollars and thirty two cents, balance of interest due by her deceased husband, George H. Spalding, late sheriff of said county for certain fines, forfeitures, &c. placed in his hands for collection, when sheriff of said county. By order, JOSHUA COCKEY, Jr. Clk.

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

SATURDAY, December 13, 1827.

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

Mr. Millard presents a petition from Jemima Floyd, of Saint Mary's county, praying a divorce; read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from the Boonsborough Turnpike Company, praying an extension of the time for completing the said road; read and referred to Messrs. Merrick, Kershner and Bowles.

On motion by Mr. Henderson the following resolution was read, assented to and sent to the senate. Whereas, the Governor in his communication hath recommended that a day should be set apart by the General Assembly to be observed throughout the state for the purpose of Humiliation and Prayer, in which our citizens may collectively entreat the Divine Being who has promised, that he will be entreated of his people, to stay his chastening hand, and restore to our suffering population the blessings he hath withheld, and make us who are spared, more deserving his fatherly care than we have hitherto been—Therefore, be it resolved by the General Assembly, that the 18th day of March next be set apart and recommended to the people of the state, to be observed as a day of Humiliation and Prayer, and that this resolution be published in such newspapers throughout the state, as the Governor and Council may direct, for the information of the citizens thereof.

Mr. William Stewart presents a petition from Charles G. Robb praying permission to bring into this state a female slave; read and referred to Messrs. W. Stewart, W. G. D. Worthington and Johnson.—Also, a petition from John W. Berry, Ephram Smith and Christian Steamer, praying additional compensation as assessors of the county tax in the city of Baltimore; read and referred to Messrs. W. Stewart, John T. H. Worthington and Hughes.

The bill to ascertain the allowance to Sheriffs for keeping prisoners in jail charged with criminal offences and finding them victuals in the several counties therein mentioned. The bill to authorise the several Levy Courts in this state to recover from delinquent superisors and other debtors, any sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars, which may be due to their respective counties as other small debts are recoverable by individuals out of court; and the bill to authorise the Levy Court of Queen Ann's county to pay the funeral expenses of paupers out of the poor house of said county; were read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Pitt presents a petition from George A. Z. Smith, of Dorchester county, praying permission to bring slaves into this state; read and referred to Messrs. Pitt, Loockerman and Millar.

The bill for the relief of Richard Batturs, of the city of Baltimore; and the bill for the benefit of William C. Beard, of Prince George's county; were read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Pitt reports a bill entitled, an act to authorise George A. Z. Smith, of Dorchester county, to import and bring into this state certain negroes therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Millard presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, relative to the trespassing of stock; read and referred to Messrs. Millard, Kilgour and Gough.

Mr. Gough presents a petition from Margaret Tippet, of Saint Mary's county, praying support; read and referred to Messrs. Gough, Millar and Fenwick.

On motion by Mr. Steel, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the stockholders of the Susquehanna bridge; ordered, that Messrs. Steel, Whitelord and Sewell, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act supplementary to an act for limitation of certain actions for avoiding suits at law; ordered, that Messrs. Semmes, Chesley, Merrick, Hopper and Dennis, report the same.

Mr. W. Stewart reports a bill entitled, an act to authorise Charles G. Robb, of the city of Baltimore, to remove a certain female slave into this state; which was read.