

The bill further to extend the time fixed for the completion of the Turnpike road leading from Boonsborough to Swearingen's ferry in Washington county; was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The amendment to the bill to repeal an act entitled a supplement to an act entitled, an act for the better protection of slave holders in the several counties therein mentioned, was read the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Hodges presents petitions from Samuel Davis and William Hudgeon, of Kent county; which were read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Garner delivers the following report: The committee to whom was referred the petition of James Middleton, of Charles county, praying for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and deem it impolitic and imprudent to grant the prayer of the petitioner, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

J. COCKEY, Jun. Clk.

Which was twice read and concurred with,

Mr. Henderson presents a petition from John Bennett, of New Castle county; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from Ann White, of Anne Arundel county, praying for support; read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.—Also, a petition from Benjamin Griffin, of Anne Arundel county, praying relief for the infant children of Matilda Simmons; which was read and referred to Messrs. Howard, Hughes and Iglehart

Mr. W. G. D. Worthington reports a bill entitled, an act to reform the constitution of the state; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Kilgour, ordered, that the committee of claims procure for the use of the members of the legislature, three hundred copies of the report of the Commissioners appointed to survey a rout for a lateral canal to connect the city of Baltimore with the contemplated Potomac canal.

Mr. Hodges reports a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Susanna Joiner, of Kent county; which was read.

The clerk of the Senate delivers a bill entitled, an act to alter the time of the meeting of the General Assembly of this state, and for other purposes, endorsed, will pass; which was read the first time and ordered to have a second reading on Friday next.

The bill to authorise the Levy court of Somerset county to provide an office for the clerk of said county; and the bill to confirm the proceedings of certain commissioners therein mentioned; severally endorsed, will pass, ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Carroll presents a petition from Catharine Plain, of the city of Annapolis; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. John T. H. Worthington reports a bill, entitled, a further supplement to an act relating to the removal of causes for trial within the sixth judicial district; read and ordered to have a second reading on the first Monday in January.

On motion by Mr. Millard, ordered, that the bill to confirm an act, entitled, an act to repeal an act to alter, change and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the decision of Saint Mary's county, into four election districts, have a second reading on the 12th January.

The message relative to adjournment during Christmas, was read the second time, on motion by Mr. Norris, that the first blank be filled up with "the 24th." Mr. Semmes moved, and the question was put, that the message be referred to the first of June next. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow—

Affirmative—Messrs. Ireland, Gale, Howard, Linthecum, C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, Chesley, Dalrymple, J. T. H. Worthington, Johnson, Ely, Loockerman, Jones, Dennis, Dashiell, Willis, Hutson, Henderson, Gerry, Semmes, E. B. Duvall, Clarke, Hughes, Carroll, Siemaker, Franklin, Purnell, Riley, Turbutt, Fisher, Sewell, Norris, Steel, Douglass, W. Stewart, W. G. D. Worthington, Bowles, Peter, Williams, W. Duvall, Bruce—41.

Negative—Messrs. Leigh, Millard, Fenwick, Hodges, Millar, Edelen, Rogerson, Garner, Lloyd, Spencer, Bratton, Pitt, Bryan, Mopper, Meconiken, Mollott, Nicholas, Kemp, Cronwell, Whiteford, Elijah Barwick, Boon, Edward Barwick, Kershner, Gabby, Merrick, Kilgour, M'Mahon, M'Henry—29. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Pitt reports a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Nancy Paul of Dorchester county; which was twice read, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Merrick the following resolution was read. Resolved, that no member shall absent himself from this city during this session of the legislature without leave of the house, and that if any shall so absent themselves, they shall forfeit their per diem for the whole session. On motion by Mr. M'Henry, that the words "during the session," be stricken out, for the purpose of inserting "during the time of absence."

Mr. M'Mahon offered the following as a substitute: Ordered, that no member of the house of delegates be permitted to absent himself from the seat of government during the present session, without the leave of the house first had and obtained. When Mr. Semmes moved, and the question was put, to refer the whole to the first day of June next. Determined in the negative. The question was then put, that the house assent to the substitute proposed by Mr. M'Mahon? Determined in the negative.

Mr. M'Mahon moved to add the words "the days of going and coming inclusive," to Mr. M'Henry's amendment? Determined in the negative. The question was then put on striking out as proposed by Mr. M'Henry? Determined in the negative. The question was then put on the resolution proposed by Mr. Merrick. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow: