

On motion by Mr. Purnell, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to prohibit the emigration of free negroes into this state. Ordered, that Messrs. Purnell, Dennis, Kilgour M'Mahon, Edelen, Fenwick and Henderson, report the same.

On motion by Mr. W. G. D. Worthington, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act for guarding personal liberty in civil suits. Ordered, that Messrs W. G. D. Worthington, Merrick and Kilgour, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Edelen, the question was put, that the report of the committee on the resolutions of the state of Tennessee, together with the resolution submitted to this house be postponed. Resolved in the affirmative.

The resolutions from the senate relative to a congressional caucus, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Fenwick, that the whole of the same be stricken out, for the purpose of inserting the following:

Resolved, That the circumstance of a citizen being deemed worthy of the trust and confidence of the people in a highly responsible office, does not disqualify him from the exercise of the common rights of expressing his opinions of every kind, relative to men and measures, or of uniting with other men found worthy of the same trust and confidence in such expression of opinion in a private or public extra official meeting.

Resolved, That the constitution and laws of our republic have wisely abstained from the absurdity of attempting to regulate public opinion, and that the people are in no manner bound or coerced to approve the mere dictum of any man, or meeting of men, be they who they may; further than they think proper to repose confidence in their intelligence and integrity.

Resolved, That an interference on the part of this legislature with this common right where exercised in their private capacity, by the representatives assembled to legislate for the people of the United States in Congress, does not relate to the objects for which the members of this house have been delegated to the general assembly.

And be it further Resolved, That such an interference with the common rights of all freemen, is impolitic and calculated to create dissensions and to add to the causes of division already sufficient to paralyse the councils and best interests of Maryland. And the question was put, on striking out. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Speaker, Fenwick, Ireland, Gale, Hodges, Dalrymple, Weems, Garner, Lloyd, Martin, Spencer, Willis, Hutson, Henderson, Gerry, Clarke, Carroll, Meconiken, Turbutt, Kemp, Steel, Elijah Barwick, Douglass, Bruce, McHenry.—25.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Gough, Millard, Coburn, Howard, Linthecum, C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, Chesley, Millar, Edelen, Rogerson, Johnson, Ely, Loockerman, Dennis, Bratton, Dashiell, Pitt, Bryan, Semmes, E. B. Duvall, Wotton, Hughes, Hopper, Moffitt, Nicholson, Slemaker, Franklin, Purnell, Riley, Fisher, Cromwell, Whiteford, Sewell, Norris, Boon, W. Stewart, W. G. D. Worthington, Kershner, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, Peter, Kilgour, Williams, W. Duvall.—46. Determined in the negative. The question was then put, that the house assent to the resolutions of the senate. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Gough, Millard, Coburn, Howard, Linthecum, C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, Chesley, Millar, Edelen, Rogerson, J. T. H. Worthington, Johnson, Ely, Loockerman, Jones, Dennis, Bratton, Dashiell, Pitt, Hutson, Bryan, Semmes, E. B. Duvall, Wootton, Hughes, Hopper, Moffitt, Nicholson, Slemaker, Franklin, Riley, Fisher, Cromwell, Whiteford, Sewell, Norris, Steel, Boon, W. Stewart, W. G. D. Worthington, Kershner, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, Peter, Kilgour, Williams, W. Duvall, Bruce, Sprigg.—51.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Speaker, Fenwick, Ireland, Gale, Hodges, Dalrymple, Weems, Garner, Lloyd, Martin, Spencer, Willis, Henderson, Gerry, Clarke, Carroll, Meconiken, Turbutt, Kemp, Elijah Barwick, Douglass, Edward Barwick, M'Henry.—23.

Resolved in the affirmative, and the resolutions returned to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill supplementary to the act for the relief of the poor of Prince George's county, passed at December session, 1822, chapter 121; endorsed will pass; ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Elijah Barwick, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to prevent the sale of real estate for debt, when the same will rent in a given time to pay the debt and damages, and to repeal such parts of the law of this state that is repugnant thereto; ordered, that Messrs. Elijah Barwick, Pitt and Boon, report the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 18, 1823.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates—In conformity to the custom of the General Assembly we propose to you to adjourn from Saturday, the 20th, till Monday, the 29th of December.

The senate believe that experience has shewn, that the necessity which the private affairs of many members imposes on them, of returning to their homes at that period, renders it difficult, if not impossible, to proceed with any useful effect in the business of the session; and therefore respectfully invite you to concur in the proposed adjournment.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

Which was read.

Also, the bill to authorise the several levy courts in this state, to recover from delinquent supervisors 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 ascertain the allowance to sheriffs for keeping prisoners in jail, charge with criminal offences, and finding their victuals in the several counties therein mentioned; endorsed, will pass; ordered to be engrossed; and the bill to authorise the levy court of Queen