

Resolved, That the remaining copies, not herein directed to be distributed, be deposited in the Council Chamber, subject to the future disposition of the Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Bruce, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act for the sale of a certain tract of land lying and being in Allegany county, the property of Frederick Arthur, late of Frederick county, deceased. Ordered, that Messrs. Bruce, Fisher and Kemp, report the same

Mr. Millard delivers the following report:

The committee appointed by the house of delegates to consider and report upon all the cases for divorce have maturely examined the case of Elizabeth Shaw; of Harford county; and it appearing that no ground of ill usage to the petitioner whatever is stated, no allegation of a breach of the marriage contract adduced, but simply against the moral character of her husband, as manifested by his conduct before marriage. Your committee believe the said conduct no special violation of the marriage contract, and that the said petitioner having undertaken to enter into the same with her said husband, "for better and for worse," has no claim to the interference of the legislature, therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition. Which was read and concurred with.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to confirm and make valid certain acts and proceedings of William F. Gleaves, as a justice of the peace for Kent county; the bill for the benefit of the children of Thomas Robinson, and the bill to confirm and make valid the acts and proceedings of Walter M. Miller as a justice of the peace for Charles county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill for the benefit of Stephen Purnell, of Worcester county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. M. Mahon presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Allegany county, praying that officers and soldier's lots may be liable to be sold for taxes; referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill for the valuation of real and personal property.

Mr. Spencer reports a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Eliza Dodson, of Talbot county.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from Eleanor Gray, praying for a divorce; read and referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Iglehart reports a bill entitled, an act to enable Joseph Smith, of Anne Arundel county, to purchase and hold real property in this state; which was twice read and passed.

The bill for the relief of the infant children of Matilda Simmons, deceased, late of Anne Arundel county, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Sewell delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Harford counties, praying for the passage of a law to stop the practice of boat hunting in the state of Maryland, for wild fowl after night, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under their consideration, and are of opinion that there would be fewer wild fowl taken by the adoption of such a law, than there now are under the present practice, they therefore conceive it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners; and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. By order,
ISAAC HINES, CLK.

Which was twice read and concurred with.

On motion by Mr. Howard, leave given to bring in bill entitled, an act to reduce the per diem of the justices of the orphans court of Anne Arundel county, and for other purposes. Ordered, that Messrs Howard, Iglehart and Hughes, report the same.

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

SATURDAY, January 3, 1824.

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

The bill for the relief of the infant children of Matilda Simmons, deceased, late of Anne Arundel county, and the bill to enable Joseph Smith, of Anne Arundel county, to purchase and hold real property, within this state, were sent to the senate.

The bill for the benefit of John Smack, of Worcester county, was read the second time, and will not pass.

On motion by Mr. Wootton, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to establish district schools in the several counties in this state. Ordered, that Messrs Wootton, Fenwick and Loockerman, report the same.

Mr. Gabby presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying for an act to provide for the building a bridge over Antieatam creek, at Zeiglers' ford, in said county; referred to Messrs Gabby, Merrick and Bowles.

On motion by Mr. W. Duvall, Ordered, that the members of this general assembly be furnished with three hundred copies of the report of the commissioners to survey a rout for a canal from Baltimore to the Potomac river.

On motion by Mr. W. G. D. Worthington, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to confirm certain official proceedings of Richard B. Mitchell. Ordered, that Messrs W. G. D. Worthington, J. T. H. Worthington and Johnson report the same.

Mr. Kemp reports a bill entitled, an act to extend and open Record street, to intersect second street, in Frederick town.

Mr. Bratton reports a bill entitled, an act to make valid and authorise the recording of a deed from Mary Melson and Sarah Melson, to Jonathan Dougherty.

Mr. W. G. D. Worthington reports a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Patrick Blue, of the city of Baltimore.