

Mr. Chesley obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, an act to alter and change certain parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as therein mentioned. Ordered, that Messrs Chesley, Kilgour and M'Mahon, report the same.

On motion by Mr. J. T. H. Worthington, ordered, that a committee of five be appointed to enquire into the expediency of a reformation of the laws and resolutions concerning invalid pensioners of this state, and report. The speaker appointed Messrs J. T. H. Worthington, Kilgour, Pitt, Meconiken and Edelen.

The house according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the supplement to the act entitled, an act relative to negroes and slaves. Mr. Nicholson proposed that the words "or by gift, purchase or in any other lawful manner," be stricken out.

Mr. Hughes moved and the question was put, that the same be referred to the 1st day of June next. Determined in the negative. Mr. Semmes, called for a division of the proposition made by Mr. Nicholson, and the question put on striking out the word "purchase." Resolved in the affirmative. The question was then put on striking out the residue of the words proposed by Mr. Nicholson to be stricken out. Determined in the negative. Mr. Hughes moved to reconsider the said question. Determined in the negative. On motion by Mr. Lake, the question was put that the words "three years" be stricken out, for the purpose of inserting "six years" in that part of the bill which provides that negroes brought into the state shall not be sold out of the state within a given period. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Kilgour moved the following to be added to the bill. Provided, that no slave so imported shall be manumitted within three years after the time of such importation.

Mr. Semmes moved the following as a substitute. And be it enacted, That no slave or slaves brought into this state shall ever be manumitted. Determined in the negative. The question was then put on Mr. Kilgour's amendment. Resolved in the affirmative. The question was then put, shall the said bill pass. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Gough, Millard, Gale, Hodges, Linthecum, C. R. Stewart, Chesley, Weems, Millar, Edelen, Rogerson, Garner, Loockerman, Lloyd, Jones, Dennis, Meconiken, Slemaker, Turbutt, Fisher, Cromwell, Elijah Barwick, Boon, Edward Barwick, Kershner, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, Peter, Kilgour, Williams, Bruce, McMahan.—33.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Speaker, Leigh, Ireland, Iglehart, J. T. H. Worthington, Ely, Martin, Brattan, Pitt, Lake, Willis, Gerry, Bryan, Semmes, E. B. Duvall, Clarke, Hughes, Carroll, Hopper, Moffett, Nicholson, Kemp, Whiteford, Sewell, Norris, Steele, Douglass, W. Stewart, W. Duvall.—29. Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to repeal an act entitled, an act to prevent hogs from going at large in the town of Westminster, endorsed will pass, ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to authorise John F. Gray, of Charles county, to receive one-sixth for toll at his mill when the same shall be built, endorsed will pass with the proposed amendment, which was assented to; and the additional supplement to an act to provide for the building a bridge over Anteatam Creek in Washington county, endorsed will pass, ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Kilgour obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, an act giving jurisdiction to justices of the peace in cases of trespass for killing, wounding or otherwise injuring horses, black cattle, hogs and sheep, where the demand for damages do not exceed twenty dollars; ordered that Messrs. Kilgour, E. B. Duvall and Cromwell report the same. Mr. Kilgour reports said bill.

Mr. Boon reports a bill entitled, an act to limit and ascertain the number of justices of the peace in the several counties of this state and for other purposes.

Mr. Lookerman delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Executive communication as relates to the building of an addition to the Armory at Easton, have had the same under consideration, and from the best information which they have been enabled to obtain, they have been induced fully to coincide with his Excellency in opinion that such additional building is necessary to preserve the pieces of Artillery deposited at this Arsenal, and also for the more commodious arrangement of other Arms and Accoutrements.—They therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Governor and Council be, and they are hereby authorised and requested to appoint three persons residents of Talbot county, in whose skill and integrity they may have confidence, to contract for and superintend the building of an addition to the Armory at Easton, and if necessary to purchase a lot of ground adjoining the same, which may be suited to the erection of said addition, and that the expences of the same be paid out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury under the authority of the Governor and Council.

By order,

JOHN DOUGLAS, Clerk.

Which was read.

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

TUESDAY, January 13, 1824.

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

Mr. Pitt from the committee appointed to inspect the Penitentiary, delivered the report, which shall appear in to-morrow's journal.

Mr. Carroll delivers the following report:

The committee to which was referred the petition of Mrs. Sarah Ann Waters, praying that the pension granted to her late husband, Jonathan Waters, for his revolutionary services, may be extended to her, beg leave to report that, they consider the prayer of the petitioner reasonable.