

Hutton, Henderson, Gerry, E. B. Duvall, Clarke, Carroll, Mecnaiken, Riley, Turbutt, Fisher, Kemp, Douglass, W. G. D. Worthington, M'Henry—31. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Pitt, ordered, that the report relative to the penitentiary be referred to the committee appointed to take into consideration the revision of the laws relative to the same. Mr. J. T. H. Worthington was excused from said committee, and Mr. Pitt appointed in his place.

Mr. Ely presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying the donation may be taken from colleges and academies and appropriated to the education of poor children, referred to the committee appointed on similar petitions.

Mr. W. Duvall presents a petition from James Fling; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Nicholson reports a bill entitled, a supplement to an act relating to the village of Church Hill in Queen Ann's county, passed at December session, 1817.

On motion by Mr. Pitt; ordered, that a committee of five persons be appointed to devise and report to this house a system whereby the children of the poor in this state can be cheaply instructed in the rudiments of learning. Ordered, that Messrs Pitt, J. T. H. Worthington, J. Bockerman, Semmes and Moffett, be said committee.

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

FRIDAY, January 16, 1824.

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

The bill for the relief of Robert Oliver, and the message relative to the letter of William Hayward, Esq. together with the letter, were sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house a return from the clerk of Talbot county, relative to the attendance of the judges; referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

The bill to repeal an act entitled, an act concerning public worship, passed at December session 1816, chapter 152, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Linthecum presents a petition from Mary Philips, praying for support; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Dashiell presents a petition from the orphans court of Somerset county, praying that the records of said office may be completed; read and referred to Messrs Dashiell, Dennis and Jones.

The bill to alter and change the place of holding the elections in the first election district in Cecil county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The supplement to the act for the benefit of the trustees of Garrison Forrest Academy and the Franklin Academy, in Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On the second reading of the bill to provide for the support of the government of this state. On motion by Mr. Kemp, the question was put, that the word "annually" be stricken out of the first clause directing the levy courts to levy annually. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Steel, the question was put, that the word "December," be stricken out of the clause directing when the collection shall be completed, for the purpose of inserting "January." Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Steel, the question was put, that the following clause be stricken out, to wit: "And be it enacted, that the levy court of the several counties in this state, shall meet on or before the first Monday in May next, to levy and assess the sums mentioned in this act." Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, shall the said bill pass. Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

The bill to repeal the 4th and 5th sections of an act entitled, an act to relieve the people of this state as far as practicable, from the evils arising from demands made on the banks of this state for gold and silver by brokers, and to prohibit the officers of the several banks from buying and selling bank notes of the banks of this state at a less price than their nominal value, passed at December session, 1818, chapter 191, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. J. T. H. Worthington presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying a change in the place of holding the election in the ninth election district; read and referred to Messrs J. T. H. Worthington, Johnson and Ely.

Mr. Millard reports a bill entitled, an act to divorce Amelia Maddox and Samuel H. Maddox her husband, of Somerset county. And a bill entitled, an act to divorce Jemima Floyd and Jesse Floyd her husband, of Saint Mary's county.

Mr. Pitt delivers the following report: The committee appointed to inspect the Penitentiary, report to the house that they understand that certain expressions contained in their report, have been construed to impugn the motives of the directors in the management of the institution. The committee thus publicly disclaim any such intention.

JOHN R. W. PITT, Chairman.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the following message was read and assented to:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 16, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate—We propose to appoint a joint committee of five, composed of three members from this house, and two from your honorable body to examine and inspect