

Mr. Millard obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, an act to authorise the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house of delegates to administer the necessary oaths to the members and officers of the legislature. Ordered, that Messrs Millard, Leigh and Ed. Barwick report the same.

Mr. Kilgour presents a petition from Ann Merryman, praying for support; referred to Messrs Kilgour, Williams and W. Duvall.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, January 26, 1824.

The house reports: Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The bill to incorporate the Baltimore Chemical Manufacturing Company, was returned to the senate.

The bill to incorporate the Fell's Point Washington Beneficial Society, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill to repeal the proviso in the seventh section of the act entitled, an act to provide for the opening and extension of Pratt street in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Semmes, the same was recommitted, and referred to Messrs Semmes, W. Stewart, Lockerman, Merrick and Hopper.

Mr. Gabby presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying for a law for the protection of fish in Antietam creek.

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Sharpsburg election district in Washington county, praying that the number of delegates to the general assembly from each county may be reduced to two, and that the per diem allowance of jurymen, judges of the levy & orphans court, judges and clerks of elections may be lowered; referred to Messrs Merrick, Gabby and Bowles.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the bill for the relief of Wm. R. King, was recommitted.

Mr. Bryan presents a memorial from the rector and vestrymen of the Protestant Episcopal church of St. Stephen's parish, praying the Glebe land may be exempt from tax for five years; referred to Messrs Bryan, Gerry and Henderson.

Mr. Sprigg presents a petition from sundry creditors and securities of Frederick Simons, counter to his petition; referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the following resolution was read:

Whereas the buildings of St. Johns and Washington colleges are in a situation requiring many necessary repairs and the philosophical apparatus of each institution defective and incomplete, and the funds of the colleges not being sufficient to justify an appropriation on the part of the visitors and governors to so important purposes:

*Therefore resolved*, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the visitors and governors of St. John's college or to their order, the sum of twenty five hundred dollars and to the visitors and governors of Washington college or to their order, the sum of twenty five hundred dollars, to be derived from the profits arising from state lottery, number two.

*Resolved*, That the sums of money hereby granted be applied by the visitors and governors to the repairs of the buildings, and to the improvement of the philosophical apparatus of their respective institutions and they are hereby directed to render to the legislature an account of each expenditure as may be made by them pursuant to these resolutions.

Mr. Merrick delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Sharpsburg district in Washington county, praying for a reduction of the number of delegates from each county to the general assembly, and that the per diem allowance to jurors, judges of the orphans court and levy court, judges and clerks of elections, &c. may be reduced; have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that the first proposition has already been rejected by a vote of this house. That a majority of your committee think it inexpedient, & especially at this late period of the session, to bring the second proposition before this body, and therefore recommend that the said petition be referred to the next general assembly.

By order,

TRUEMAN CROSS, Clk.

Which was concurred with.

Mr. Gabby reports a bill entitled, an act for the preservation of the breed of fish in Antietam creek; which was twice read by special order, passed and sent to the senate:

The amendments to the bill for the revaluation of the real and personal property in Anne Arundel and Allegany counties, were read the second time and dissented from.

Mr. Sewell presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for a law to remove certain obstructions in Deer creek, so as to permit fish to ascend the same; referred to Messrs Sewell, Whiteford and Steel.

On motion by Mr. Moffett, ordered, that the bill relative to the governors granting nolis prosiques have a second reading on Wednesday week next.

Mr. Sprigg reports a further supplement to the act entitled, an act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the name of the Cumberland Bank of Allegany.

Mr. Millard reports the bill entitled, an act for the relief of William R. King, of Frederick county; which was twice read by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Sewell reports a bill entitled, an act to remove certain obstructions in Deer creek, in order that fish may ascend said creek.

Mr. W. Duvall reports a bill entitled, an act to repeal an act passed at December session 1815, chapter 161, for the benefit of the infant children of Jeremiah Crabb, late of Montgomery county; which was twice read by special order, passed and sent to the senate: