

creditors may be defrauded of their just debts due to them from persons who have sufficient real if not personal estate to satisfy the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the additional supplement to the act, entitled a supplement to an act, entitled an act, to provide for a new assessment and to appoint collectors of the tax in and for the city and county of Baltimore.

The bill for the relief of Richard Waller, Josiah Broughton and Samuel Heath, securities of William S. Handy, late sheriff of Somerset county. The bill to repeal an act passed December session 1815, chapter 161, for the benefit of the infant children of Jeremiah Crabb, late of Montgomery county; and the supplement to the act, entitled an act, to lay out and open two roads in Queen Anns county, passed at December session 1813, chapter 103; severally endorsed, will pass, ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Purnell the following message was read, assented to, and with the bill sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 31, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate.*—We herewith transmit to your honorable body the bill, entitled, a supplement to the act, entitled, an act to prevent the emigration of free negroes into this state, with a hope that your honorable body will reconsider the same, and extend to the suffering citizens of Maryland, the remedies provided by the aforesaid bill.

If the objections to the bill in the senate arose from its too extended particular applications, we hope that your honorable body will curtail it; if from the principle of particular legislation, we hope that you will extend it; if from the principles of the bill itself, we would suggest to your honorable body, that in our view of the matter it neither changes nor extends the principle of the bill to which it is a supplement, but imposes a reasonable fine upon the officer "refusing or neglecting upon information," to carry into effect the provisions of the supplement and the original bill, which was passed after mature deliberation upon the evils which then existed, and which have increased in a ten-fold ratio in our territory bordering upon the commonwealth of Virginia, and the remedies provided by that bill.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

Mr. E. B. Duvall, reports a bill entitled an act, to build or repair the jail of Prince George's county; and Mr. Moffett reports a bill entitled an act, to abolish imprisonment for debt. The bill to provide for the completion of certain records of the orphans' court of Somerset county; was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Pitt reports a bill, entitled an act, for the relief of Edward Graham, of Dorchester county. The bill for the benefit of Cassandra Sims, of Montgomery county; was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Millard delivers the following report :

The committee appointed by the house of delegates to report upon all insolvent petitions, have had the case of Thomas Phillips, of New Castle county, in the state of Delaware, under their consideration, and beg leave to report favorably thereon, but in consequence of an order passed by the co-ordinate branch of the legislature requiring the petitioner to give two weeks notice in one or more newspapers nearest the residence of the petitioner of his or her intention to apply for a special act of insolvency, have deferred presenting a bill till a later day in the session, so as the petitioner may have an opportunity of complying with said order.

By order,

TRUEMAN CROSS, Clerk.

Which was concurred with.

The engrossed bills from No. 1 to 70 inclusive, were read, assented to and sent to the senate.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill relative to the Baltimore canal.

On motion by Mr. William Stewart, the 14th clause, which vests the right to said canal in the state, upon certain conditions was stricken out.

On motion by Mr. W. Stewart, that the following be inserted in lieu of the clause stricken out.

*And be it enacted,* That all and singular, the rights, privileges and advantages heretofore granted to the proprietors of the Susquehannah canal, by the act entitled an act, for making the river Susquehannah navigable, from the line of this state, to tide water, or by any of the supplements thereto, be and the same are hereby reserved to the said proprietors, as fully and entirely as if this act had never been passed.

And in order that the rights of the said proprietors under the act and supplements aforesaid, and the injury, if any by them sustained, by the operation of this act, may be speedily and fairly ascertained.

*Be it enacted,* That in the event of this law being accepted, as herein after provided, and before any thing shall be done in the execution thereof, by the actual commencement of the work of the said Baltimore canal, on the banks of the said river Susquehannah—the Judges of Baltimore county court, shall be and they are hereby authorised and required upon the application of the proprietors of the said Susquehannah canal, and upon due examination of the said original act, and supplements thereto, to adjudge and decree what are the rights of the said proprietors under the same, and shall record the same among the records of Baltimore county court, and if the said court shall be of opinion, that the aforesaid proprietors have any right or interest in the waters of the river Susquehannah, which were granted by the said original act and supplements, and which will be injured or destroyed in the manner contemplated by the said original act and supplements thereto, by the canal authorised by this act, then and in such case the aforesaid judges shall issue their writ to the sheriff of Baltimore county, setting forth their opinion, and requiring him to summon twelve good and lawful men, wholly without interest in the said Susquehannah canal, who being duly sworn in such form as the court