

proposed to amend Mr. Dorsey's proposition by striking out only the words, "the line located on the plots as."

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

FRIDAY, February 6, 1824.

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

Mr. Millard delivers the following report:

The committee appointed to examine and report upon the different applications for special acts of insolvency, have had the case of William G. Bolgiano (now confined in the jail of Baltimore county,) under their consideration, and beg leave to report, that they have every reason to believe, from the examination of papers and other evidence before them, that the said Bolgiano is not entitled to legislative aid; they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order, J. COCKEY, Jr. Clk.

Which was concurred with.

Mr. Bryan reports a bill entitled, an act relating to Saint Stephen's Parish, in Cecil county.

The bill incorporating a company to erect a toll bridge across the Potomac river, at or near Harper's ferry, was read the second time, and the question put, shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Semmes delivers the following report:

The committee of conference to whom was referred the bill entitled, an act to provide a revenue for the support of the government of this state, and the memorial of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, beg leave to report—That it appears to your committee that the act of Congress of 1813, chapter 565, by which a direct tax was provided, assumed a ratio of distribution amongst the different counties of this state, from materials which although the most satisfactory then to be obtained, did not afford the possibility of arriving at a result perfectly accurate.

Congress aware of the necessity of a more exact scale of distribution, provided by the act of 1815, for an assessment throughout the state, and the ratio of distribution was then made to conform to this corrected standard.

The act of 1821, providing a revenue for the support of government, seems to have assumed the ratio of the act of congress of 1813, as the correct standard. The act of 1822, providing a revenue for the support of government assumed the ratio on which the act of the preceding year had been passed. No objection having been suggested to the propositions thus assumed, the act of the present session has pursued the same ratio.

The committee are of opinion that the assessment made in pursuance of the act of Congress of 1815, having been made at a period when from the peculiar circumstances and situation of the country, the prices of property were such as could not now be realised, and that the mutations which have since occasioned the declension of property, has been quite unequal in different parts of the state, cannot now be relied upon as exhibiting a scale of distribution more satisfactory or equitable than the one assumed in 1813. They recommend that a law be passed providing for a general assessment through the state, to be made upon some established and uniform principle, by which an accurate estimate may in future be made; but as the necessities of the state do not permit delay, the committee have from the result of their enquiries, and information on the subject, concluded upon a ratio for the supplies of the present year, which is as follows:

Saint Mary's county \$1686; Kent 1799; Anne Arundel 4185; Calvert 1028; Charles 2876; Baltimore 15309; Talbot 1766; Somerset 2564; Dorchester 2351; Cecil 2539; Prince George's 2281; Queen Ann's 2402; Worcester 2095; Frederick 6797; Harford 2285; Caroline 960; Washington 3644; Montgomery 2180; Allegany 1012. They therefore recommend that the bill now before them, be returned to the house of delegates with a view to have the same corrected.

On motion by Mr. Purnell, ordered that the report of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims on the petition of Ezekiel Thomason, be recommitted.

Mr. Henderson presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying for a law to preserve sheep from being destroyed by dogs; referred to Messrs Henderson, Gorry and Bryan.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of Mary Meginnis, of Kent county, and the bill to alter and change the place of holding the elections in the third district in Washington county, severally endorsed, "will pass," ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Ireland, he obtained leave to withdraw the petition of Casparas Meginnis counter to the petition of Mary Meginnis, together with the documents submitted by him.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to provide a revenue for the support of the government of this state, endorsed, "will not pass." The bill to provide for the completion of certain records of the orphans court of Somerset county, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Harding, of the city of Baltimore, and the bill to divorce Elender Gray and her husband, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed. And the resolution relative to the Chesapeake and Delaware canal, endorsed, "assented to."

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 6, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate—We received from your house, the bill entitled, an act for the