

Resolution in favor of Benjamin Gaither, was read the second time, assented to and sent to the senate.

Mr. Hopper presents a petition from Alexander Walters, of Queen Ann's county, praying compensation for timber furnished for building a causeway over Kent Island narrows, in said county; referred to Messrs. Hopper, Nicholson and Meconiken.

Mr. Henderson presents a petition from sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying for a tax on dogs; referred to the committee on a similar petition.

The resolution relative to the Late Registers in Chancery, was read the second time, assented to and sent to the senate. The bill to make public an old road leading from Coalesville in Montgomery county, to intersect the public road leading from Vansville in Prince George's county, at or near the Paint Chapel in said county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate. The bill respecting damages committed by stock, so far as the same relates to Kent county; was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. W. G. D. Worthington presents a petition from the Wesleyan Sabbath School of Fell's Point, praying to be incorporated; referred to Messrs. W. G. D. Worthington, Hopper and Moffet. The bill to alter the mode of disbursing the public money; was read the second time passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Kilgour presents a petition from James Ervin, a revolutionary soldier, referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims; also petitions from William Stewart and Sarah Graves, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Kilgour, Peter and Williams.

Mr. Hopper reports a bill entitled an act, to authorise the clerk of Queen Ann's county to record a deed of manumission.

Mr. Semmes obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled an act, to establish the salaries of certain officers; ordered that the committee of ways and means report the same.

The house according to the order of the day proceeded to the second reading of the bill to limit and ascertain the number of justices of the peace.

On motion by Mr. Pitt, the question was put, that the word "five" limiting the number in each election district be stricken out, to insert "fifty?" Determined in the negative.

Mr. Johnson moved "ten?" Determined in the negative. Mr. Peter moved "seven?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes the question was put, that the words "provided they deem such appointment to fill the vacancy necessary and proper," be inserted at the end of the second section? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Peter, the word "December" was stricken out of the clause fixing the period for appointing justices, and "January" inserted. On motion by Mr. Purnell, the question was put, that the further consideration of the same be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative. On motion by Mr. Dennis, that the bill be recommitted. Mr. Carroll moved to refer the same to the 1st of June next? Determined in the negative. The question was then put on recommitting? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Chesley the following order was read; Ordered that the bill recommitted to the committee who reported it be instructed to report a bill assigning to each election district in the several counties of the state a limited number of magistrates, which shall not exceed in any one election district more than magistrates for inhabitants within such election district, except in the district including the county town, when the number shall extend to two additional magistrates.

Mr. Pitt moved that the bill be reconsidered? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the question was put, that the bill lie on the table? Determined in the negative.

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

TUESDAY, Feb. 10, 1824.

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

Mr. Pitt reports a bill entitled an act, to prevent the vending liquors, fruit and other articles within two miles of any Methodist camp or quarterly meeting in Dorchester and Caroline counties, and to suppress riotous and disorderly behaviour at those places in said counties; which was twice read, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Weems delivers favorable reports on the petitions of James Ervin, of Montgomery county, and William Simmons of Hartford county.

Mr. Coburn obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled an act, to alter and change that part of the constitution and form of government which prescribes the time of holding elections to elect electors to elect the senate of this state, and electors of President and Vice President of the U. States; ordered that Messrs. Coburn, Garner and Ireland report the same.

Mr. Dorsey presents a petition from Ann Jones of Saint Mary's county, for support; referred to Messrs. Dorsey, Gough and Leigh.

On motion by Mr. W. Stewart, ordered that the bill for the benefit of William Owen, of Baltimore; with a petition now presented from William Carman, counter to the same, be referred to the committee on insolvencies.

Mr. Dorsey obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled an act, providing that judgments rendered by justices of the peace shall not be reversed for the want of form; ordered that Messrs Dorsey, McHenry and Lockerman report the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill authorising James Orme, of Montgomery county, to close an old road leading from Richard Langfords, to intersect the public road near Doctor