

provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to debar any pensioner or his heirs, from the payment of any pension heretofore granted, if said pensioner or his heirs shall demand the same legally authenticated within twelve months after the passage of this resolution. And provided also, that it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have this preamble and resolution, published in one of the newspapers of the city of Annapolis, two in the city of Baltimore, and the Eastern Gazette on the Eastern Shore, twice in every three months during this year, together with the names of all persons affected by this resolution.

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from Larkin Dorsey and Richard Dorsey of Anne Arundel county, counter to a petition for a road; referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

Mr. M'Henry obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, a supplement to the act for the establishment and regulation of levy courts in the several counties of this state. Ordered, that Messrs M'Henry, M'Mahon and Bruce report the same.

The bill to prohibit the manumission of slaves by last will and testament, and for other purposes, was read a second time. On motion by Mr. Turbutt, the question was put, that the same be referred to the 1st of June next. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Merrick moved that the same be reconsidered. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Pitt moved to strike out the four last sections; when Mr. Hopper moved to refer the same to the 1st June next. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs Speaker, Gale, Hodges, Linthecum, C.R. Stewart, Igchart, Weems, J. T. H. Worthington, Ely, Loockerman, Lloyd, Martin, Spencer, Jones, Brattan, Hutson, Gerry, Bryan, Kerr, Semmes, Wootton, Clarke, Hughes, Carroll, Hopper, Meconiken, Moffett, Nicholson, Slemaker, Purnell, Riley, Turbutt, Fisher, Whiteford, Sewell, Norris, Steel, Douglass, Boon, Ed. Barwick, W. Stewart, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, Peter, Kilgour, Williams, W. Duvall, Bruce, M'Mahon, M'Henry—51.

NEGATIVE—Messrs Gough, Millard, Dorsey, Dalrymple, Edelen, Rogerson, Garner, Dennis, Dashiell, Pitt, E. B. Duvall, Sprigg—12. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Cromwell reports a bill entitled, an additional supplement to an act for the relief of John Messher and David Rinehart, trustees of James A. Farquhar, of Frederick county, passed November session, 1812.

The additional supplement to an act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Nanticoke river, at or near Vienna, in Dorchester county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. W. Stewart reports a bill entitled, an act for the better regulation of the militia of the city of Baltimore.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, ordered, that all bills relating to the revenue of the state, have a preference over any other business of this house.

The clerk of the senate delivers a communication from the executive, relative to the compensation to the commissioners appointed to survey a route for the Baltimore and Susquehanna canal, and inclosing a resolution from the governor of Ohio relative to the gradual emancipation of people of color; referred to Messrs Millard, Hopper and Kilgour. Also the bill for the benefit of William C. Somerville, of Saint Mary's county, endorsed, "reconsidered, and will not pass." And the bill to prevent vending liquor, fruit and other articles, within two miles of any methodist camp or quarterly meeting in Dorchester and Caroline counties; endorsed, "will pass, with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution relative to the registers in chancery, endorsed, "assented to, with the proposed amendments," which amendments were read. The resolutions in favor of Charles Carroll and James Gin, severally endorsed, "dissented from."

The message proposed by Mr. Merrick yesterday, relative to internal improvements, was read the second time. Mr. Pitt offered the following as a substitute.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 12, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate—We have received your message relative to internal improvement—That the State of Maryland is in a most happy and enviable situation, as regards her geographical advantages, and in a very embarrassed and unhappy situation as regards her fiscal concerns are positions equally true—The splendid projects of opening the Potomac and Susquehanna rivers by means of Canals are of such magnitude, that more time will be required maturely to devise means for their accomplishment, than the lateness of the present session will admit. We feel the most anxious solicitude that the present languishing condition of the metropolis of the state should be ameliorated, that her energies in her mercantile operations should be awakened, that new avenues of commerce should be opened, and new objects of enterprize should be discovered—We are animated by the most lively zeal to co-operate in every practicable and rational plan which your wisdom can suggest, which will revive and invigorate the drooping condition of Agriculture in every part of the state.—We are not conscious of any predilection for any particular section, nor do we cherish any prejudice against any particular part of it—If we had entertained any prejudices on the subject of internal improvement as indicated in your message, they should be instantly discarded, and we should be most grateful for the admonition which produced the dismissal of feelings so unworthy the legislature of an enlightened people. On all subjects which, in the course of our legislative duties, are presented to our consideration, we have been anxious to view them not through the

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