

On motion by Mr. Dennis the consideration of the residue of the reports of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, was postponed.

The order relative to paying the expenses of the committee and their clerk, who examined testimony relative to the Penitentiary, was read the second time and assented to.

The bill for the better regulation of the militia of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time and passed.

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

FRIDAY, February 13, 1824.

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

The bill for the better regulation of the militia of the city of Baltimore. The resolutions in favor of James Ervin, Susanna Brewer and William Simmons; and the resolution relative to the Chesapeake and Delaware canal, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Gerry obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled an act, to disseminate literature in this state; ordered that Messrs. Gerry, Peter, Semmes, Hopper and Purnell report the same.

Mr. W. G. D. Worthington delivers the following resolution, which was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised and required to pay to Doctor Colin M'Kenzie, of the city of Baltimore, the surviving partner of Smyth and M'Kenzie, or to his order, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the amount of the fifth instalment of the loan authorised to be negotiated by them on the credit of the state, under the resolution of the 30th January, 1817, for the improvement of the Baltimore Hospital, when that instalment becomes due; provided that before such payment, said M'Kenzie give bond to the state with penalty in double the amount, and with security to be approved of by the said treasurer, conditioned for the payment over by M'Kenzie of the amount of such instalment to the owner or owners of the loan aforesaid; said bond to be filed in the records of the court of appeals for the western shore, and an office copy thereof under seal, to be as good and sufficient evidence in any suit which may be brought on the same in any court in this state as the original would be if produced and proved.

The bill for the relief of Jemima Floyd of Saint Mary's county, was read the second time passed and sent to the senate.

The amendments to the additional supplement to an act, entitled an act, for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans, and other representatives of deceased persons; were read, assented to and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill to incorporate the Fells Point Wesleyan Sabbath School, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate. The bill for the relief of Rebecca Lindenburger, was read the second time, amended and returned to the senate.

Mr. Sprigg obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled a supplement to an act, entitled an act, to incorporate a school in Allegany county, by the name of the Allegany county school; ordered that Messrs. Sprigg, McHenry and Bruce report the same. The supplement to an act, entitled an act, for altering and amending the road from Baltimore city to Bell Air, in Harford county; was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. W. G. D. Worthington presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying for the abolition of the city court, and the establishment of a Mayor's court; referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Gabby presents a petition from John Jack, of Washington county, referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Bowles reports a bill, entitled a further additional supplement to the act, entitled an act, to alter and change the name of Elizabeth town in Washington county, to Hagerstown, and to incorporate the same; which was twice read, passed and sent to the senate. The bill for the promotion of literature in Somerset county, was read the second time.

Mr. Dennis offered the following as a substitute. "An act for the promotion of literature in Worcester county. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that from and after the passage of this act, the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised and required to pay to the trustees of Salisbury academy in Worcester county, or to their order, annually, on the first Monday in June, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the sum of two hundred dollars as a donation from the state to said academy."

After some debate Mr. Dennis withdrew his substitute.

Mr. Riley called for the previous question, and it was put, that is, shall the main question be now put? Determined in the negative. The question was then put, shall the said bill pass.

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs Howard, C. R. Stewart, Weems, Ely, Martin, Spencer, Brattan, Dashiell, Lake, Hutson, Gerry, Kerr, Clark, Hopper, Moffet, Nicholson, Slemaker, Purnell, Riley, Turbutt, Whiteford, Norris, Steel, Douglas, Ed. Barwick, W. Stewart, Gabby, Bowles, 28.

NEGATIVE—Messrs Leigh, Gough, Millard, Dorsey, Ireland, Coburn, Gale, Hodges, Linthecum, Iglehart, Chesley, Dalrymple, Miller, Edelin, Rogerson, Garner, J. T. H. Worthington, Johnson, Loockerman, Lloyd, Dennis, Pitt, Henderson, Bryan, Semmes, E. B. Duvall, Wootton, Hughes, Carroll, Meconiken, Fisher, Cromwell, Boon, W. G. D. Worthington, Merrick, Peter, Kilgour, Williams, W. Duvall, Bruce, Sprigg, McMahon, McHenry—43. Determined in the negative.