

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Beall presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Rockville, Montgomery county, praying a repeal of the law to prevent swine going at large in said town; referred to Messrs Beall, Lansdale, and Lee.

Mr. Duvall obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the transportation of runaway slaves from this state to Hayti, or elsewhere. Ordered, That Messrs. Duvall, Tingle and Jarrett, report the same.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year. On motion by Mr. Millard, the question was put, That the blank be filled up with \$500?

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

Affirmative - Messrs. Speaker, Gough, Kilgour, Millard, Harris, Hodges, Gantt, Maxcy, Estep, Dalrymple, Weems, John Edelen, Rogerson, Garner, Spencer, Lloyd, Dennis, Teackle, King, Sullivane, Eccleston, Henderson, R. C. Edelen, Duvall, Carroll, Speed, Hopper, Nicholson, Wright, Parker, Barnes, Cromwell, Farquhar, Kemp, Hardcastle, Boon, Howard, Tyson, Fouck, White, Merrick, Wilson, Lee, Lansdale, M. Mahon, Klipstine, 46.

Negative - M. Clean, Shower, Worthington, Price, Turner, Bennett, Reyner, Travers, Thomas, Ewing, Tingle, Hooper, Hope, Norris, Jarrett, Barwick, Brown, Bowles, Beale, 19.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill was then passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Millard presents a petition from Ann Guv. Mr. Lee presents a petition from Evan Price. Mr. Hooper presents a petition from Nancy Webdell, and Mr R. C. Edelen presents petitions from Elizabeth Kobey, and Notley Maddox, and wife, on behalf of their three grand children, all praying for support; referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the bill to increase the number of delegates from the city of Baltimore, was recommitted

Mr. Barnes presents a petition from Thomas Lynch and Barnard Kean, aliens, praying they may be authorised to receive a title to real estate; referred to Messrs. Barnes, Cromwell and Farquhar.

Mr. Shower presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that a portion of the voters in the 9th election district may be permitted to vote in the 6th; referred to Messrs. Shower, Price and Turner

Mr. Barnes presents a petition from Michael Lynch, praying that a law may pass making valid a certain deed; referred to Messrs. Barnes, Kemp and Cromwell.

Mr. Garner presents a petition from David Middleton, of Charles county, praying compensation for riding express during the last war; referred to Messrs. Garner, J. Edelen and Rogerson.

Mr. Steele obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Dorchester county to appoint a bailiff for the town of Vienna in said county, Ordered, That Messrs. Steele, Sullivane and Travers, report the same

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, Ordered, That the committee of ways and means be and they are hereby directed, to enquire into the expediency of taxing all property acquired by last wills and testaments, or in any other manner, from deceased persons, except the person or persons receiving the same be connected by blood or marriage with the deceased.

On motion by Mr. Carroll, the following order was read:

Whereas it is required by the constitution, that the members of the legislature, in many elections of high importance to the people, particularly of the governor and council, shall vote, by ballot, whereby the votes of the members cannot be known, and that responsibility which should ever exist of the representative to the constituent, becomes greatly diminished.

Therefore, Ordered, That a committee of three be named by the speaker to report a bill to amend the constitution, by providing that the election of the governor and council shall be made *viva voce*, and that the name of each member voting, and the person or persons for whom he votes, shall be entered upon the journal of the house of which he is a member, and shall be published, with the journal, for the information of the people.

Mr. Merrick reports a bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual protection of public worship in this state.

The bill annulling the marriage of William L. Stewart, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Lee the question was put, That the same be recommitted? Determined in the negative:

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house the following report:

To the Honourable the Legislature of Maryland,

The State Agent for the western shore, in compliance with the provisions of the act of assembly appointing an agent passed at December session 1816, chapter 271, respectfully submits this second annual report, with sundry statements of debts due to the state, valid and invalid.

The statement marked A shews a list of balances due from sheriffs on the western shore, prior to the year 1822, which are considered good; also the balances due from county clerks and sheriffs for the years 1822, 1823 and 1824; and also the balances due from the collectors of the several counties, for taxes levied under the acts of December sessions 1822 and 1823, providing a revenue for the support of government, and which are as follows:

Balances due prior to 1822,		\$12,208 42
1822, 1823, 1824,		17,120 92
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		\$29,329 34
Taxes of 1822,	3702 68	
1823,	40,139 06	
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