

Mr. Howard reports a bill, entitled, An act ceding to the United States the jurisdiction of the state of Maryland in to and over certain lands on Thomas's Point and Pool's Island; which was twice read by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Worthington obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to the administration of justice in this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Merrick and Tingle, report the same.

Mr. Howard obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to the governor and council of this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Howard, M. Mahon and Merrick, report the same.

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

WEDNESDAY, January 19, 1825.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Chapman presents a petition from George Davis, of Charles county; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Peach delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Cæsar Peterson, of Prince George's county, praying the state to relinquish to him its right to a certain lot, have had the same under serious consideration, and beg leave to report—That they consider the prayer of the petitioner reasonable, and think that it should be granted. Which was read.

And a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Cæsar Peterson, of Prince George's county.

Mr. Hooper, presents a memorial from the trustees of Salisbury Academy, praying that a part of the donation granted to the Washington Academy, may be transferred to the Salisbury Academy; referred to Messrs. Hooper, Williams and Dennis.

Mr. Shower presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that the levy courts in this state may be immediately elected by the people; referred to the committee on that subject.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair, to take into consideration the propriety of making some further legal provisions for the support of infirm negro slaves in certain cases. Ordered, That Messrs. Nicholson, Steel, M. Mahon, Merrick and Tingle, report the same.

Ordered, That the bill for the more speedy administration of justice in the first judicial district, have a second reading on Friday next.

Ordered, That the supplement to an act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways, have a second reading on Wednesday 26th inst.

Ordered, That the bill relative to the election of the senate by the people, have a second reading on the 21st inst.

Mr. Garner reports a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the fees of constables in cases of levying distresses.

Mr. Hoffman reports a bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal, such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state, as relate to the division of Allegany county into eight separate election districts, passed at December session 1816, and confirmed at Dec. session 1817.

Mr. Merrick reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Washington county to levy a sum of money to aid in the erection of a bridge over Conococheague creek, on the road leading from Mercersburgh to Hagers Town.

Mr. McClean reports a bill, entitled, An act relating to two deeds of manumission, recorded amongst the records of Kent county.

Mr. Teackle obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of electing electors to choose the president and vice president of the United States. Ordered, That Messrs. Teackle, Merrick and Howard, report the same.

Mr. Hope obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to the levy court and commissioners of the tax for Harford county. Ordered, That Messrs. Hope, Norris and Jarrett, report the same.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the armourer of the Eastern shore; which was read.

Mr. Speed obtained leave to withdraw his order relative to repealing the law taxing certain officers.

The report made yesterday by Mr. M. Mahon was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, That the whole from the words "the committee" be stricken out, for the purpose of offering an amendment.

A question arose, whether the said motion was in order; the speaker declared the same in order.

An appeal was called for by Mr. M. Mahon, and the question put, Will the house sustain the opinion of the chair? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Teackle continued his motion to strike out for the purpose of inserting the following:

The committee to whom was referred "the memorial of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, relative to the pecuniary distresses of the people of Maryland"—have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report—

After an examination of the important matter of this reference, the committee conceive that the most immediate and efficient relief will result from the creation of a limited emission of public currency, substantially founded on the real estate, and represented by solid value; and they also conceive that under proper regulations thereby the various interests of the state may be ameliorated, that industry in every department may be stimulated, and that those resources, which the want of an adequate supply of circulating medium have depressed and paralysed, may be brought into full activity and beneficial operation. And they further conceive, that these objects may be achieved without infringing the just rights of any party, or in the least impairing the public security, or violating in any wise, the constitution of the federal government.

In the construction of a bill for this purpose we propose—1. A financial committee to be appointed by the legislature, and commissioned by the governor and council, to prepare the money and control the subordinate concerns of the institution.