

as a magazine, but now in a ruinous state; that there is also a log building on said lot, formerly used as a guard house, but inasmuch as the lot of ground or the buildings, have not been for many years used for state purposes, the said guard house has almost constantly been, and yet continues to be, occupied by free people of colour, which causes complaints by the neighbouring citizens; to remedy which, Be it resolved, That the governor and council be and are hereby authorised to make such disposition of the said lot of ground as they may deem proper, either by letting the said lot of ground to some person holding the adjacent lands, or otherwise, so as to prevent the causes of said complaints; and in case of letting the same, to have a clause of reservation to the state, to have the said lot given up at any time whenever the state may require the same.

Mr. Merrick reports a bill, entitled, An act to alter and amend so much of the constitution and form of government as relates to clerks of the county courts and registers of wills. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on the 29th inst.

The report of the committee relative to delinquent military officers, with the bill to suspend the execution of the 12th section of the supplement to a militia law, passed February 25, 1824, until the first day of July 1825, was read the second time, the bill passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill for the relief of Cesar Peterson, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Thomas reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to increase the pay of the judges of the orphans court of the several counties therein mentioned; which was twice read.

Mr. Henderson moved to strike out "two dollars" to insert "three" out of the clause fixing the per diem? 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 bill to authorise the levy court of Washington county to levy a sum of money to aid the erection of a bridge over the Conococheague creek, on the road leading from Mercersburgh to Hagers Town, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, Ordered, That all the bills relative to lotteries be postponed until Thursday next.

Mr. Montgomery presents a petition from sundry citizens of Harford county, praying a donation from the state to the Agricultural Society of Maryland; referred to the committee on the same subject.

Mr. Hoffman presents a petition from Thomas Stallings, and others, praying to be released as securities for Thomas Pollard, late sheriff of Allegany county; referred to Messrs Hoffman, M. Mahon, Lantz, Worthington and Barnes

Mr. Montgomery reports a bill, entitled, An act directing that the sense of the people of this state be taken on the expediency of calling a convention to reform the constitution, and for other purposes.

Mr. Garner presents the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of David Middleton, of Charles county, praying compensation for riding express during the late war, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the governor and council of Maryland be and they are hereby authorised and required, to examine into the claim of David Middleton, and give a draft upon the treasurer of the western shore for such sum as they may believe him entitled to for the performance of said services during the late war, which said draft, when presented, shall be paid by said treasurer to said Middleton, or order.

By order, J. COCKEY, Jr. Clk.

Mr. Speed obtained leave to withdraw the bill in favour of Judge Chase.

Mr. Chapman reports a bill, entitled, An act to alter and amend such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the election of the council to the governor. Ordered that the same have a second reading on the 1st of February next

The bill for the relief of Rosanna Crowl, of Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Garner presents a petition from Jonathan Padgett, and Sarah Padgett, his wife, for support; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Turner presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that the justices of the levy courts may be elected by the people; also a separation of the county from the city; referred to the committee on the same subject.

The bill respecting writs of error, and giving appeal in certain cases, was according to the order of the day, read the second time.

Mr. Speed moved that the following be added: "And be it further enacted, That in all cases of proceedings under the insolvent laws of Maryland in any of the county courts, the respondent or defendant at any time before the trial in such proceeding, shall have the privilege of removing the said proceedings for trial to any other county in the district, in the same manner and on the same terms that civil causes are now allowed to be removed by the existing laws of Maryland." Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Wootton moved to refer the same to the 1st of June. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. M. Mahon the same was recommitted.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill to authorise justices of the peace to judge and approve of the security in cases therein mentioned; the supplement to an act to incorporate the trustees of the Western-ster General Meeting House in Frederick county; and the bill to authorise the levy court of Washington county to levy a sum of money, for the purpose of purchasing and providing a farm for the better and more economical support of the poor of Washington county, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill for the relief of John W. Steinmetz, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which was read assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill to reduce the board of trustees of Washington Academy, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill for the more effectual protection of public worship, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which were read, as-

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