

On motion by Mr. Tyson, a letter from the attorney general of Maryland, addressed to the Baltimore city delegation, was received by the house, and referred to the committee of ways and means. The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to limit the number of justices of the peace in the several counties of this state.

Mr. Norris moved to insert after the words "governor shall" the words "from and after the 4th Monday in December next." Determined in the negative.

Mr. Thomas moved to refer it to the 1st of April. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Dennis moved to postpone it until to-morrow. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Kemp moved to fill up the blank for the number of magistrates for Frederick county with 75. Determined in the negative.

The blank was then filled up with sixty.

Mr. Boon moved to refer the said bill to the 1st of June. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Thomas moved to fill up Cecil county with 50. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Thomas moved to refer the bill to the next general assembly. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Henderson, the blank was filled up with "40."

On motion by Mr. Boon, the question was put, That the blank for Caroline be filled up with "22." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Tyson, the following was added: "And be it enacted that nothing herein contained shall be taken or construed to extend to the city of Baltimore."

Mr. M. Mahon moved to refer the bill to the 1st of March? 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. Gough, Millard, Harris, M. Clean, Hodges, Gantt, Maxcy, Estep, Beckett, J. Edelen, Chapman, Rogerson, Garner, Bennett, Spencer, Reyner, Dennis, Jones, Steele, Eccleston, Travers, Henderson, Grubb, Peach, Duvall, Carroll, Speed, Williams, Tingle, Hooper, Barnes, Cromwell, Farquhar, Harcastle, Barwick, Brown, Tyson, Bowles, Fouke, Willson, Beall, Lee, Lansdale, Lantz, 44.

Negative—Messrs. Speaker, Hawkins, Kilgour, Ireland, Parran, Shower, Worthington, Price, Turner, Lloyd, Teackle, Thomas, Ewing, Wootton, Nicholson, Wright, Parker, Kemp, Hope, Norris, Jarrett, Montgomery, Boon, Merrick, Hoffman, M. Mahon, Klipstine, 27. Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill for the more speedy administration of justice in the first judicial district, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. John Edelen, that the following be added:

"And be it enacted; That the clerks of the county courts in the first judicial district shall be entitled to the sum of _____ dollars for making the returns in pursuance to the provisions of this act.

Mr. Millard moved to fill up the blank with \$10? Determined in the negative.

Mr. J. Edelen moved to fill it up with \$5? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Wootton moved to fill it up with \$3? When Mr. Garner offered the following as a substitute:

And be it enacted, That the levy courts of the several counties composing the first judicial district, be and they are hereby authorized to levy on the assessable property of their respective counties annually, the sum of five dollars, which, when collected, shall be paid to each of the clerks of the said counties as a compensation for the duties imposed on them by this act. Resolved in the affirmative.

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

The house according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill to change the mode of electing the members of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Eccleston, the question was put, That the same be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Norris, Ordered, That the same have a second reading on the 3d February.

On motion by Mr. Tyson, Ordered, That the bill relating to turnpike roads within the city of Baltimore be postponed until the 28th inst.

Mr. Maxcy presents a petition from Caleb Stewart, for support; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from R. H. Douglass, and others, dealers and shippers of tobacco, suggesting, and praying for sundry alterations in the inspection laws; referred to Messrs. Tyson, Howard, Worthington, Wootton and John Edelen.

Mr. Thomas reports a bill, entitled, An act to increase the commission of the sheriff of Cecil county for collecting fees. Ordered that the same have a second reading on the 27th inst.

Mr. Barnes presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying the pension list may be reduced; referred to the committee on the same subject.

Mr. Barnes delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the order of the house, directing them to inquire into the expediency of altering and changing the inspection law passed at the last session, so as to authorize the state to build or purchase warehouses in the city of Baltimore, for the inspection of tobacco, instead of renting the same, having had the same under consideration, are of opinion that it would be expedient for the state either to purchase or build warehouses for the inspection of tobacco, they therefore respectfully submit the accompanying bill.

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Clk.

And a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the governor and council of Maryland to purchase or build a warehouse or warehouses in the city of Baltimore for the inspection of tobacco.

Also a bill, entitled, An act to repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the appointment of a chancellor. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on the 28th inst.

And a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish the line between Frederick and Washington counties, passed at November session 1810, chapter 6.

Mr. Duvall obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to compensate the adjutant-general of this state for his official services in compliance with the existing militia laws. Ordered, That Messrs. Duvall, Beckett and Maxcy, report the same. The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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