

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bills, and request his attendance with that of the members of this house, for that purpose

The speaker left the chair, and, attended by the members of this house, went to the senate chamber, and there presented the engrossed bills to the governor, who signed the same, and affixed the great seal thereto in the presence of both houses, from No 1 to 79, inclusive. The speaker, with the members, returned and resumed the chair. The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 4. 1825.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The message relative to bank directors, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Wright delivers the following report: The committee to whom were referred the petition of Richard Cray, of Queen Anne's county, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and after a full and mature deliberation thereon, are fully satisfied that the case is amply provided for by existing laws, and therefore that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order, I HINES, Clk.

Which was twice read and concurred with.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill to empower the judges of Montgomery county court to direct the sale of the lands therein mentioned, endorsed 'will not pass.' Also the bill to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the intersection of the Baltimore and Frederick-Town turnpike road, near the 3d mile stone on said road, to M-Ville, in Baltimore county, endorsed 'will pass.' Ordered to be engrossed. And delivers a bill, entitled, An act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts in the sixth judicial district of Maryland, endorsed 'will pass;' which was read. And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 3, 1825.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have, at your suggestion, reconsidered the bill to limit the number of justices of the peace, in the several counties of this state, and can see no reason for departing from our former decision.

That evils have arisen from the great number of the justices of the peace, dispersed throughout the state, and the utter incompetency of many of them, to discharge the duties of their office, the senate are very willing to admit; and if no sufficient remedy existed by which these evils could be removed, the senate would feel itself bound to concur in such act of legislation, as would effectually prevent the continuance of this grievance—but in the opinion of the senate, a remedy does already exist, and exists where it properly ought, with the appointing power. There can be no reasonable doubt, that whenever a representation is made to the executive, from the customary source, that the evils intended to be removed by this bill do exist, the proper corrective will immediately be applied. Under this view of the subject, the senate have again rejected the bill.

By order, WM. KILTY, Clk.

Mr. Ireland from the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, delivers the following report: The committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the petition of James Watts, of Dorchester county, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report—That they are of opinion that he is not entitled to a pension, he having produced to your committee no proof of his services during the revolutionary war, they therefore recommend that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order, I. HINES, Clk.

Which was twice read and concurred with.

Mr. Price presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying some alteration in the laws relating to retailers licences, and Mr. Shower presents a petition from Mathew Murray, late sheriff of Baltimore county, praying to be relieved from interest due the state; which were severally referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Beckett presents a petition from Mary Reynolds, praying the real estate of her infant children may be sold; referred to Messrs. Beckett, Dalrymple and Merrick.

Mr. M-Mahon reports a bill for the relief of James M-Intire, a convict prisoner in the gaol of Allegany county, which was twice read by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Reyner reports a bill, entitled, An act to establish magistrates courts in the several counties of this state, and for other purposes.

Mr. Tyson reports a bill, entitled, An act to widen Water-street, between South, and South Calvert streets, in the city of Baltimore. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on the 9th inst.

Mr. Beckett reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the orphans court of Calvert county to cause the real estate of the late William Reynolds of Calvert county, to be sold.

On the second reading of the message relative to closing the session, Mr. Norris moved to fill up the blank therein with the 19th inst. On motion by Mr. J. Edelen, the message was postponed.

Mr. King presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying for a public road and landing; referred to Messrs. King, Teackle and Jones.

Mr. Grubb presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying for a bridge over North East Creek at the place therein mentioned, referred to Messrs. Grubb, Thomas and Henderson.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, the following order was read: Ordered, That during the remainder of the session this house will sit, for the dispatch of public business, from 9 o'clock, A. M. until 4 P. M.

Mr. Millard moved to strike out 4 to insert 6? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the order? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Norris, the following order was read: Ordered, That this house sit for the dispatch of public business from 4 P. M. to 7 P. M.

Mr. Carroll moved that the same be rejected? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from George Jacob and Louisa Decoutres, praying a change in the name of the latter, and to enable her to inherit the property of the said George Jacob; referred to Messrs. Tyson, Howard and Merrick.

Mr. Grubb presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying that an act may pass, for a bridge over North East creek at the place therein mentioned; referred to Messrs. Grubb, Henderson and Ewing.

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