

The house proceeded to the second reading of an additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians; and the rights of orphans, and other representatives of deceased persons.

Mr. Kemp moved to strike out the first section, to wit: "That from and after the first day of April 1825, no executor or executrix, administrator or administratrix, shall be allowed a credit in his or her account with the orphans court, for any claim by him or her discharged, unless he or she produce the claim, with the proof or voucher of its payment, which claim as aforesaid shall be referred to in the account and endorsed and numbered and left with the register to be filed." Mr. Worthington moved to strike out the words "the claim with the proof," after the words "he or she produce?" Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on striking out the first section. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, the bill was referred to the first of June.

Mr. Howard presents a memorial from the members of the Baltimore bar, praying an increase of the salary of the judges of Baltimore county court; referred to Messrs. Howard, Tyson, Worthington, Price and King,

Mr. Estep appears in the house.

Mr. Barnes presents a petition from Mary Ann Moore, of Frederick county; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Montgomery reports a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers.

The bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of the several counties of this state, was read the second time.

Mr. Duvall moved to refer the same to the 1st June? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Worthington moved to except Baltimore county? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Barnes moved to strike out the first section to wit: "That from and after the passage of this act, the trustees of the poor of the several counties of this state, be and they are hereby authorised and required, to receive into the poor houses of said counties, all old or infirm negro slaves belonging to the insolvent estates of deceased persons, provided they shall be satisfied that the estates to which said negro slaves belonged to are insolvent;" for the purpose of inserting the following:

Be it enacted by the general assembly, That it shall be the duty of executors or administrators on the estates of insolvent deceased persons, to apply so much of the proceeds of such estates under the direction of the orphans' courts, as may be necessary to support old and infirm slaves belonging to such estates, but should such estate be insufficient to the support of such slave or slaves then such slave or slaves shall be admitted into the poor house of the county in which he or they shall reside, in the same manner that other paupers now are.

A division was called for and put on striking out? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. McMahon, the following was inserted after the words "counties of this state?" "Or the levy courts in those counties in which there are no trustees of the poor."

On motion by Mr. McMahon, the words "or furnish support" were inserted after the words, "said counties."

On motion by Mr. Thomas, the question was put, That the following be added: "And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the trustees of the poor to provide separate apartments for the boarding and lodging of the different colours?" Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Lee, That the 1st section be stricken out for the purpose of inserting the following: "That the levy courts of the several counties of this state may when satisfied that old and infirm slaves belonging to the estates of deceased persons who have died insolvent are left destitute of support, give a certificate of such fact, and that the trustees of the poor shall upon such certificate, receive such slave or slaves into the poor house of their respective counties and in counties where there shall be no poor house, to provide for the support of old and infirm slaves so situated, the levy court shall provide for their support." A division was called for, and put on striking out? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Howard moved the following as an additional clause: "And be it enacted, That if such estates of deceased persons (although insolvent,) shall be sufficient, or more than sufficient, to provide for the support of such old or infirm negroes, it shall be the duty of the orphans court to make such provision for their support before ordering any of the debts of the estate to be paid." Determined in the negative.

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

The clerk of the senate delivers a communication from the honourable the executive, enclosing a resolution of the state of New Jersey, disapproving of the resolution of the state of Georgia, "that no part of the constitution of the United States ought to be construed or shall be construed to authorise the importation or ingress of any person of colour into any one of the United States, contrary to the law of such state; referred to the committee on the resolution from Ohio. Also returns the bill to prevent geese and swine from going at large in the village of Damon in Caroline county, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out and make public two roads therein mentioned in Cecil county, passed on the 25th of January 1822, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read and dissented from. Also the supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the benefit of Ann Rochester and Francis Rochester, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the resolution in favour of Richard Cowman, endorsed "assented to."

Mr. Jarrett reports a bill, entitled A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, passed at the November session 1779, chapter 25, to repeal an act, entitled, An act to regulate the fees of the registers of wills in the several counties of this state passed at the November session, 1797, chapter 76, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Howard obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the building of a bridge over the river Patuxco at the place called Hammond's Ferry. Ordered, That Messrs. Howard, Shower and Estep, report the same.