

Mr. Speed delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, to the honourable the speaker of the house of delegates, relative to a suit at law instituted by the administrator of Louis Browning, who was the daughter of Charles Lord Baltimore, in the United States circuit court, and now pending in the supreme court, against the said Carroll, for alleged arrears of quit rents, being fully satisfied that the principles involved in the decision of said suit affect the rights of a great proportion of the land holders of the state of Maryland, who claim under grants made prior to the revolution, and that the good people of this state are generally deeply interested in said decision, and believing, that by employing counsel in compliance with the prayer of said petition, to argue said cause in the supreme court in behalf of the defendant, that a correct decision may be had thereon, great and distressing litigation may be prevented, your committee beg leave respectfully to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That his excellency the governor of this state be and he is hereby authorized and required, forthwith to request the attorney general, and to employ and retain Roger B. Taney, Esquire, to appear in said cause as counsel on the part of the said Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and in behalf of the interests of this state, and to argue the same in the supreme court of the United States.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor, by and with the advice of the executive council, be authorized to pay to the said Roger B. Taney, Esquire, out of any unappropriated moneys in the treasury, such fees as they may think just and proper, for his services in said cause, provided that the same shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars, and that the said attorney general be requested by the said governor and council to make a statement of his services in said cause to the next general assembly, that they may not thereon as justice and law may require.

By order, I. HINES, Clk.

Which was read and ordered to have a second reading on Wednesday next.

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

TUESDAY, February 8, 1825.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties of this state, was sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the question was put, That the order proposed yesterday by Mr. Nicholson relative to the attendance of members, be reconsidered? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Peach presents a petition from John Middleton, of Prince-George's county; referred to the committee on insolvencies.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 8, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return you the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out and make public two roads therein mentioned in Cecil county, passed at December session 1821, ch. 127. The house have rejected the amendment proposed by your honourable body, as we are of opinion the amendment would entirely defeat the object of the bill, and we can see no possible objection to grant to the parties in this case the same right of appeal, which is given to all others by the act relating to public roads in the several counties therein mentioned, passed at December session 1821, chapter 152. We therefore hope upon further consideration you will pass the bill without the amendment, and thus grant to the parties complainant that justice which they have been so improperly deprived of by the unjust, arbitrary and oppressive special act of 1821, chapter 127.

By order, J. BREWER, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Wright, the question was put, That the words "unjust, arbitrary and oppressive," be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The message was then assented to, and with the bill sent to the senate.

Mr. Brown obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to exempt the parsonage-house in the village of Greensborough, in Caroline county, from taxation, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Brown, Boon and Hardestie, report the same.

Mr. McClean obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to the manner of altering the constitution of this state. Ordered, That Messrs. McClean, Speed and Merrick, report the same.

On motion by Mr. King, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and amend the constitution, so as to reduce the number of delegates from the several counties? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

Affirmative — Messrs. Harris, Spencer, Keyser, Dennis, Teackle, King, Jones, Sullivan, Eccleston, Travers, Speed, Nicholson, Williams, Tingle, Pucker, Hooper, Barnes, Cromwell, Kemp, Hoop, Norris, Montgomery, Hardestie, Burvick, Brown, Boon, Howard, Bowles, Fouke, Merrick, Willson, Beall, Lansdale, Hoffman, McMahon — 45.

Negative — Messrs. Speaker, Hawkins, Gough, Kilgour, Millard, McClean, Ireland, Hodges, Gantt, Macey, Estep, Parran, Rogerson, Shower, Worthington, Price, Turner, Bennett, Thomas, Henderson, Ewing, Grubb, Peach, Daval, Carroll, Wright, Jarrett, Tyson, Lantz, Kipstine — 30.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Messrs. King, Tingle, McClean, McMahon and Chapman, report the same.

Mr. Dennis obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the proceedings of Somerset county court. Ordered, That Messrs. Dennis, King and Jones, report the same.

Mr. John Edelen delivers the following report:

The committee to whom were referred the petition of Robert Crane, of Charles county, and the accompanying documents, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report — That from an examination of the petition, and accompanying documents, it appears to your committee, that to legislate in his behalf would be to adopt a principle incorrect in itself, and establish a precedent dangerous in its effects; that the levy court, to whom the petitioner first made his application for relief, is the proper and most competent tribunal to decide the petitioner's claim. Your committee therefore think it inexpedient to reverse the decision of the levy court upon this question, or to interfere in any manner, they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

I. HINES, Clk.

Which was twice read and concurred with.

Mr. Peach delivers the following report:

The committee on special acts of insolvency, to whom was referred the petition of John Middleton, of Prince George's county, have had the same under their serious consideration, and beg leave to report — that they think the prayer of the petitioner reasonable, and that he is in all respects entitled to the fa-