

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Merrick moved to add to the order, "and there shall be no debate on such motions." Mr. Spencer moved to add to the same "unless information be asked by some member of the house?" Determined in the negative. The amendment proposed by Mr. Merrick was then assented to.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the order as amended? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

Affirmative—Messrs. Harris, Beckett, Shower, Worthington, Price, Turner, Bennett, Spencer, Jones, Sullivan, Travers, R. C. Edelen, Nicholson, Parker, Barnes, Cromwell, Kemp, Hardcastle, Brown, Bowles, Fouke, White, Merrick, Wilson, Hoffman, M. Mahon, Klipstine—27.

Negative—Messrs. Speaker, Hawkins, Kilgour, McClean, Ireland, J. Edelen, Chapman, Dennis, Teackle, King, Henderson, Peach, Wootton, Hope, Norris, Jarrett, Montgomery, Barwick, Boon, Lee—20. Resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution in favour of Thomas Stallings, was read and assented to.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, February 21, 1825.

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

The resolution in favour of Thomas Stallings; the resolution in favour of Alexander Nisbet, adm'r de bonis non of Thomas Cockey Dye, and the resolution in favour of Susan Hooper, were sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate returns the resolution in favour of Elizabeth Handy, and the resolution relative to balances in the treasury, severally endorsed "assented to." Also the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act respecting a monument or statue to the memory of Washington; the supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the benefit of the infant children and heirs at law of Jesse Wainwright, late of Somerset county, deceased; and the bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in Saint Mary's county, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the cession of territorial jurisdiction at Cedar Point, and at Point Look Out, in Saint Mary's county, and at Cajey's Straights in Somerset county, for the erection of Light Houses thereon; which was read the first and second time by special order. On motion by Mr. Travers, 'Casey's Straight on Tangier Island,' was stricken out of the first section, and "James' Point on James' Island" inserted.

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

Mr. Teackle moved to recommit it? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the title was amended to correspond with the bill. The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from Christina Kiper, and a petition from Mary M. Daniel, each praying for a divorce; referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Worthington delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the state agent for the western shore, relative to the charges standing on the treasury books against Baltimore and Frederick counties, for advances made about the commencement of the revolutionary war, for the public roads and the poor house in Baltimore county, ask leave to report,—That after a careful examination of the subject, together with the letter of the honourable Thomas Kell, attorney general of the state, to the present state agent, and the correspondence between Thomas Johnson, Esq. of Frederick, and the state agent for the year 1795, the committee are unanimously of opinion, that a further prosecution of the claims would be expensive to the state, detrimental to the public interest, without a probable chance of recovering the same, and even, if recovered in whole or in part, it would operate unjustly on some of the citizens of the state, who after a lapse of fifty years cannot have the means of producing satisfactory evidence in relation to the matters in dispute; they therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and required, to close all the accounts standing on the treasury books for advances made for the poor house in Baltimore county, or for public roads in Baltimore or Frederick counties, or westward of Fort Cumberland, and that all such claims, standing on the treasury books, against any person or persons whatsoever, be and the same are hereby released.

By order, I. HINES, Clk.

Mr. Worthington presents a report from the trustees of the Franklin Academy; referred to the committee on similar reports.

On motion by Mr. Turner, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That all proceedings against Matthew Murray, former sheriff of Baltimore county, and his securities, on judgments obtained by the state against them, be and the same are hereby suspended until the first day of March eighteen hundred and twenty seven, provided they shall pay in the hands of the treasurer, or the states' agent, one half of the balance of the debt now due, on or before the first day of March eighteen hundred and twenty six, and the balance of said debt on or before the above mentioned first day of March eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, with legal interest thereon from this date Feb. 19th, 1825.

Mr. Jarrett reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the Susquehanna Bridge Company.

Mr. Brown reports a bill, entitled, An act to change the place of holding elections in the third election district of Caroline county.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list and other expenses of civil government. A bill, entitled, An act to divorce Mary M. Daniel, of Washington county, and her husband Richard M. Daniel. And a bill, entitled, An act to divorce Christina Kiper, of Washington county, and her husband John Kiper.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to amend so much of the constitution and form of government as relates to clerks of the county courts and registers of wills.

Mr. Hawkins moved to refer it to the first June? Determined in the negative.