

SIX O'CLOCK, P. M. The house met.

Mr. Shower delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that the owners of slaves may be made liable for goods stolen by them, beg leave to report, That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that it would be unwise and inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners; they think that it would conflict with the principles of justice to render the master answerable, under any circumstances, for any wrongful acts committed by the servant, when not actually employed in the service of his master, or for any such acts when they do not result from the discharge of his duties as a servant. This is the doctrine recognized by our law as to wrongs or injuries of a mere civil nature, committed by servants of any description; and if it be proper in regard to mere civil injuries, it seems yet more so in regard to injuries in which the civil is in a great degree swallowed up in the criminal character of the act, they therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Clk.

Which was twice read and concurred with.

Mr. Maxcy presents a petition from Selleck Osborne; referred to the committee on insolvencies.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from Archibald Doughady; referred to the committee on insolvencies.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from William Cooke; referred to the committee on insolvencies.

Mr. John Edelen reports a bill, entitled, An act to confirm to the vestry of Port Tobacco Parish, and their successors, the right to a lot of land therein mentioned.

Mr. Kilgour reports a bill, entitled, An act for the support of Jeremiah Long, of Saint Mary's county.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill for the establishment and support of public schools in the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Barnes moved to strike out the first section? Determined in the negative.

Mr. McClean moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill to the 1st June next? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

Affirmative—Messrs Speaker, Gough, Kilgour, McClean, Ireland, Parran, Price, Dennis, Travers, Ewing, Grubb, R C Edelen, Peach, Duvall, Speed, Nicholson, Wright, Barnes, Crowell, Hope, Norris, Jarrett, Beall, Lee, Lansdale, McMahon—26

Negative—Messrs. Millard, Harris, Hodges, Beckett, Chapman, Garner, Turner, Bennett, Teackle, King, Henderson, Wootton, Parker, Farquhar, Montgomery, Hardcastle, Barwick, Brown, Boon, Howard, Tyson, Bowles, Fouke, White, Merrick—25 Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill for the valuation of the real and personal property in Frederick county; the bill for the relief of Margaret Parke, of Baltimore county; and the bill for the relief of Rebecca Whitely, of Queen-Anne's county, were severally read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Speed, Ordered, That the bill relative to the assessment of land in the neighbourhood of Annapolis, have a second reading on to-morrow evening.

The bill to alter and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Somerset county into election districts, was read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, Ordered, That the bill relative to the purchase of office papers of the late surveyor of Frederick county, be postponed.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate Saint Mary's Orphan Female School in the city of Baltimore; the act supplementary to an act passed at November session 1797, entitled, An act to establish and regulate a market at Bridge town in Kent county, and for other purposes therein mentioned; the bill to authorise the justices of the orphans court of Cecil county to appoint their crier, were severally read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Farquhar, Ordered, That his excellency the governor be requested to have a national salute fired to-morrow at 12 o'clock, in commemoration of the birth day of General George Washington.

The bill to provide for the partition of the real estate of John Robinson, late of Prince George's county, and the further supplement to an act for the relief of the poor of Caroline county, were severally read the second time and passed.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better protection of slaveholders in the several counties therein mentioned, so far as the said act relates to Prince-George's county, was read the second time and will not pass.

The bill for the relief of Doctor Robert Wright, of Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time and passed.

The bill to repeal an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the intersection of the Baltimore and Frederick town turnpike road near the three mile stone on said road, to M-Ville in Baltimore county, was, on motion by Mr. Nicholson, referred to the 1st June next.

The bill for the relief of Francis Preston, of Montgomery county, was read the second time and passed.

The further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to erect a bridge over the narrows of Kent Island in Queen-Anne's county, passed December session 1819, was, on motion by Mr. Lee, referred to the 1st of June next.

The supplement relative to gates on the public roads in Queen Anne's county, was read the second time and passed.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 22, 1825.

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

The supplement to the act authorising gates to be kept on the public roads in Queen-Anne's county; the bill for the relief of Francis Preston; the bill for the relief of Dr. Robert Wright; the further supplement to an act for the relief of the poor of Caroline county; the bill to provide for the partition of the