

Mr. White reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Samuel Grove of Washington county; Ordered, That George Howard and Benjamin H. Mulliken, have leave to withdraw their petitions and documents.

The bill to amend an act concerning crimes and punishments, and the bill relating to coroners bonds, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate. The resolution in favour of William Holmes, and the resolution relative to recording chancery papers, were sent to the senate.

The bill to repeal the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the removal of criminal causes in Baltimore city and county court, was read the second time and will not pass, and the bill returned to the senate.

The bill to abolish in certain cases the compulsory writ of *capias ad satisfaciendum*, was referred to the next general assembly.

The bill to amend the civil practice of courts in relation to mesne process, was referred to the first June.

Mr. M. Mahon delivers the following report:

The committee of grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred an order of this house instructing them to enquire into the expediency of suspending proceedings upon all executions issued against real estate from and after the first of March next, and to report to this house, as soon as practicable, such substitute therefor as they may deem adequate to secure the interests of creditors, beg leave to report—That they have had the same under consideration, and that they deem any such legislative interference both inexpedient and unwise. They deem it unnecessary to spread out upon their report the reasons which have conducted them to this conclusion. A sufficient objection against the expediency of any such legislative interference with the rights of creditors, apart from the question of right, is glaringly seen in the consequences which have already resulted from such attempts to relieve, which have only been found to plunge over citizens into distress yet more irremediable. The opinion of this house has already been so fully expressed in regard to all propositions to relieve, by merely postponing the day of payment, in their almost unanimous concurrence with a report heretofore presented to the house, that your committee must content themselves with a reference to its language as fully sustaining their views. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order, J. B. LATIMER, Clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill relative to licenses to retailers of spirituous liquors, licenses to retail spirituous liquors at horse races, and licenses to hawkers and pedlars; the bill for the relief of Rebecca Whitely; the bill for the relief of Margaret Parke, and the supplement to an act to provide a revenue for the support of the government of this state, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill to enable Thomas Bowie, and Humphry B. Bowie to make sale of certain lots, and the bill giving a right of appeal in certain cases therein mentioned, endorsed "will not pass."

The bill relating to a public landing and wharf at a place commonly called the ship yard in Kent county; the bill to change the name of Louisa Decoutres; the bill relating to the treasurers of the western and eastern shores of Maryland, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments," which amendments were read, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed. And delivers a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to sheriffs, and for other purposes, passed at December session 1813, chapter 102, endorsed "will pass;" which was read. And returns the bill ceding to the United States certain territory, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, the 1st 2nd 3rd and 4th assented to; the 5th dissented from; which was to strike out "Arnold E. Jones," and insert "John C. Willson, jun." And a communication from the governor, covering a resolution from the general assembly of said state, disapproving of the amendment of the constitution of the United States proposed by the general assembly of the state of Georgia, on the subject of the ingress of the people of colour into the several states of the union; referred to the committee on the same subject.

There not being a quorum, the roll was called under the order proposed by Mr. Nicholson. The following members were absent, Messrs. Gough, Kilgour, Millard, Hodges, Gannt, Maxcy, Dalrymple, John Edelen, Bennett, Lloyd, Steele, Sullivane, Peach, Wootton, Carroll, Speed, Parker, Farquhar, Tyson, Willson, Beall and Lee.

A quorum having convened, the bill relating to the administration of justice in this state, was read the second time and will not pass.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the bill to amend the jurisdiction of the justices of the peace as relating to the powers of authorising arrests and commitment in certain civil cases, was referred to the next general assembly.

The bill to repeal an act therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

On motion by Mr. M. Clean, the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, was referred to the next general assembly.

The supplement to the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state was read the second time.

Mr. King moved to strike out the first section, to wit: "Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of Maryland, That each brigadier-general, or commanding officer of a brigade, shall appoint a day of meeting, exercise and inspection, in the month of September each year, and it shall be the duty of the brigade inspector to attend and inspect the same with such commanding officer, giving thirty days previous notice thereof to the commanding officers of regiments, extra battalions or independent volunteer companies; and when there can be no meeting in brigade for muster and inspection, said meeting shall be held by regiment, under orders of the brigadier-general or officer commanding."

Mr. Thomas moved to refer the bill to the 1st June? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on striking out the 1st section? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Barnes moved to strike thereout "or independent companies?" Determined in the negative.

Mr. Barnes moved to strike out the 2nd section to wit: "Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the brigade-inspector, after such meeting, report to the general commanding, the efficient strength, equipment, and condition of each regiment or battalion, designating the strength and condition of each company; the brigade inspector to make said report within two weeks after such meeting, under a penalty not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars, nor less than five dollars, to be inflicted by a court-martial, under such provisions as this act prescribes."

On motion by Mr. Spencer, "one" was stricken out, and "two" inserted, in the section making it necessary that officers shall meet for drill, each year on the last Saturday in April and July.