

mas, Ewing, Grubb, Duvall, Wright, Cromwell, Hope, Norris, Jarrett, Hardcastle, Barwick, White, Merrick, Willson, Lansdale—23. Resolved in the affirmative, and the resolution sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Henry Coulter, resigning the office of sergeant at arms.

The house proceeded to ballot for a sergeant at arms. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported that Gottlieb Grammer was elected. Ordered, That he qualify as such.

On motion by Mr. Maxcy, the following resolution was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Whereas the constitutionality of the act of assembly passed at December session 1821, chapter 246, entitled, "A supplement to the act laying duties on licenses to retailers of dry goods," has been contested, so far as it relates to importers and wholesale merchants, and the question will soon come before the supreme court of the United States, for a final decision; therefore, Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby requested, to employ such and so many counsel including Roger B. Taney, esquire, if his services can be procured, as they may deem expedient, to assist the attorney general of the state to argue, in the supreme court of the United States, on the part of this state, the case of Alexander Brown, George Brown, John A. Brown, and James Brown, vs the state of Maryland, now depending in that court, and to allow such counsel, and the attorney general, such fee as they may deem a sufficient compensation, and draw on the treasurer of the western shore for the same; Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby requested to communicate a copy of this resolution to the governor and council of Virginia.

The clerk of the senate returns the supplement to an act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

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

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Trueman Cross the sum of 50 dollars, as an additional compensation for his faithful and laborious services as engrossing clerk.

Mr. McClean moved to refer it to the 1st of June? Determined in the negative.

Mr. McClean moved to insert the name of Isaac Hines? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, William H. Emory was inserted.

Mr. Estep moved to insert Joshua Cockey, junr.? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Parquhar moved to insert James B. Latimer? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Gantt, the same was referred to the 4th of March.

The house adjourns until 6 o'clock, P. M.

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

The clerk of the senate returns the resolution relative to clerks of the several courts, "endorsed assented to." The bill to repeal certain acts of assembly therein mentioned; the further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish the divisional lines between Anne Arundel and Calvert counties; the additional supplement to an act, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to erect a town in Queen Anne's county, passed at November session, 1796, chapter 18; and the bill for the revaluation of real and personal property in Allegany county, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill to authorise the levy court of Saint Mary's county, to levy a sum of money on said county, for purposes therein mentioned, endorsed "will not pass." The bill to incorporate the president and directors of the Fireman's Insurance Company, was, on motion by Mr. McMahon, referred to the next general assembly.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill to pay the civil list, endorsed, "will not pass." The resolutions in favour of the clerks, Dr. Colin McKenzie, and Jonas Green, severally endorsed "assented to."

The bill to divorce Nicholas Hitzelberger, and the bill for the relief of Ann Nichols, of Queen Ann's county, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The resolution in favour of John Smith, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Chapman delivers the following report:

The committee upon special acts of insolvency to whom was referred the petition of William Coale, of Frederick county, ask leave to report—That from the circumstances connected with the petitioner's case, the committee are of opinion that the legislature would be establishing a precedent which would be a source of endless and groundless complaints for legislative relief, if we were to step between the petitioner, his creditors, and the judicial authorities of the state. The only relief asked, is not more than the legislature has held out to every citizen in the state, who may be unfortunate and oppressed in his circumstances; and if the legislature commence with special legislation upon cases provided for by the general laws, our courts would be closed, and the legislature would be employed in deciding those cases upon ex parte statements, which of right should be inquired into before judicial tribunals, where either party might have a hearing, and justice be impartially administered. Your committee deem it unwise legislation to arrest the judiciary in the progress of their proceedings, and without stopping here to inquire into the right to interfere between the debtor and his creditor, when questions highly important to both parties are litigating before the tribunals, established for deciding such matters. It is only necessary to say, that your committee deem it inexpedient and impolitic; they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Which is respectfully submitted. By order, ISAAC HINES, Clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act relating to the banks in this state, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read.

The report on the petition of Matthew Moore, of Charles county, was read the second time, the resolution assented to, and sent to the senate.

The bill to appoint commissioners to review the fourth election district in Baltimore county, and establish the proper place for holding all future elections, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers a resolution in favour of certain officers, endorsed, "assented to;" which was read. Also a bill for the relief of the infant children of James Piper, endorsed "will pass;" which was twice read, passed, and returned to the senate.

The report on the petition of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, relative to employing council, was referred to the next general assembly.

The clerk of the senate returns the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

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