

alter and amend the laws concerning runaways, and to direct the sheriffs respecting their apprehension and commitment.

Mr. Worthington moved to insert the words 'printed in the city of Baltimore, within two days after such commitment shall have been made to the jail of Baltimore county, and within seven days if such commitment shall have been made elsewhere, in such newspaper as the sheriff may think proper,' after the word 'newspaper.'

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Williams moved to strike out "ninety days" for the purpose of inserting "sixty days," in the clause limiting the time for advertisement. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Williams the word "slave" was stricken out and the words "the person so committed as a runaway," were inserted.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the bill was amended so as to take effect on the 1st of May next.

The bill was then passed.

On motion by Mr. Willson, Ordered, That the committee of grievances and courts of justice, be directed to address a letter to the clerk of Montgomery county court, commanding him forthwith to furnish to the clerk of the council, a list of the magistrates in said county who have qualified according to law, in obedience to a resolution passed at December session 1823.

On motion by Mr. Tyson, Ordered, That this house adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Thursday, February 23, 1826.

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

The speaker laid before the house a petition from John M. Stuart; referred to the committee on petitions for special acts of insolvency.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill to change the name of Freeborn Coppage Dodson, and the bill empowering the levy courts of Harford and Baltimore counties to build a bridge over the Little Gunpowder Falls, at the Rock Ford, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Also a communication from the executive, enclosing resolutions of Indiana, disapproving the amendments proposed by the state of Tennessee, relative to the election of president and vice president; which was read.

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

Whereas by resolutions of the present assembly, the governor and council are authorised to procure certain valuable papers remaining in the chancery office, to be recorded: And whereas the governor and council entertain doubts of their authority, under said resolutions, to carry into effect the intention of the general assembly in passing them; therefore,

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to contract, in the name of the state, with some person or persons of integrity, understanding and other proper qualifications, to discharge the labour and duties mentioned in said resolutions; and the governor and council are hereby authorised to draw quarter yearly as the work progresses, on the treasurer of the western shore, which drafts the said treasurer is hereby directed to pay, for such sums as may be necessary to meet the demands of the persons engaged in said work.