

On motion by Mr. Donaldson, the question was put, that the house adopt the following order: *Ordered*, that as the absence of many members of the legislature during the approaching session, may render it uncertain whether there will be a sufficient number attending to form a quorum of each branch, when this house adjourns to day, it will adjourn until Wednesday next. Determined in the negative.

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

### THURSDAY, December 23, 1813.

The house met.—Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Maulsby.—The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill entitled, an act to alter and change the name of William Prentis Swift, of Baltimore city, to that of William Roberdean Swift; the bill for the relief of Nathan Trail, of Montgomery county; the bill for the benefit of the heirs of John Kimes, late of Allegany county; the bill to incorporate the Saint Andrew's Society of Baltimore; the bill entitled, an act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the title of the Bank of Somerset, were sent to the senate.

The resolution in favor of the Potomac Company, was sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Quinton, the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 23, 1813.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

Having barely a quorum for the transaction of business, and the approach of Christmas rendering it probable that many members will be absent to morrow, we propose, with the concurrence of your honorable body, to adjourn until Wednesday next.

On motion by Mr. Bayly, the question was put, that the word "Wednesday" be stricken out? Determined in the negative. The question was then put, that the house agree to the message? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

#### AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Causin, Sellman, Wm. Hall, Taney, Turner, Stewart, Tootel, Lecompte, F. M. Hall, Somervell, Callis, Duvall, Wright, Quinton, Handy, Forwood, (of Jacob,) Saulsbury, Culbreth, Willis, Barney, Donaldson, Jones, Kilgour—23.

#### NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Plater, Millard, Blackiston, Reynolds, Blake, Ford, Randall, Martin, Bayly, Waller, John R. Evans, Lusby, Hogg, Robert Evans, Williams, Dallam, Kershner, Gabby, Crabb, Hilleary, Robinett, M'Culloh, Howard—23.

The house being equally divided, the speaker gave his vote in the affirmative, and the message was sent to the senate.

Mr. Gabby delivers a bill entitled, an act annulling the marriage of John Repp, and Catharine his wife, of Washington county; which was read the first and second time by special order, and the question put, shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Barney delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of James Spillman, of the city of Baltimore; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

The bill from the senate entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act for the relief of Aquila Beall, of Prince George's county, was read the second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Donaldson delivers a petition from John Aisquith, of the city of Baltimore, praying that a law may pass making an allowance to coroners for inquests held by them; which was read and referred to Messrs. Donaldson, Barney and Mason.

Mr. Randall delivers a bill entitled, an act to authorise the sale of certain property of John Ridgely, a minor; which was read.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Walter Simpson, and Walter Simpson, Junr. of the city of Baltimore; was read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Randall, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to incorporate certain persons in every christian church or congregation in this state. *Ordered*, That Messrs. Randall, Mason, and Donaldson be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Donaldson, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to the act passed at November session 1811, entitled, an act for the amendment of the law. *Ordered*, that Messrs. Donaldson, Mason and Howard be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Crabb delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the infant children of Jeremiah Crabb, late of Montgomery county; which was read.

Mr. Millard delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Ann and Mary Chewsich, daughters of Ann Strong of Saint Mary's county; and a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Richard Thompson, of Saint Mary's county; which were severally read.

Mr. Donaldson delivers a petition from John Devereux, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs. Donaldson, Barney and Randall.

Mr. Culbreth delivers a bill entitled, an act relating to the public roads in Caroline county; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill entitled, an act to alter, straighten, and amend a road therein mentioned in Harford county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment," which amendment was read. And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 23, 1813.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We have received your message of this date, proposing an adjournment of both houses until