

the eastern part of Frederick county; which was read and referred to Messrs. John Thomas, Randall, Mason, Dorsey, Lecompte, Plater and Kilgour.

Mr. Donaldson delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying the establishment of a new bank, by the name of the Manufacturers' and Merchants' Bank; which was read and referred to Messrs. Donaldson, Barney, Belt, Randall and Dorsey.

Mr. John Hanson Thomas delivers a petition from Evan Stevens, of Frederick county, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs. John H. Thomas, Wilson and Plater.

Mr. Plater delivers a petition from John Gassaway, adjutant general of the state, praying an increase of salary; which was read and referred to Messrs. Plater, Duvall and Belt.

Mr. Harryman delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Wm. Wheeler, Junr. which was read.

On motion by Mr. Warner, ordered that the bill from the senate entitled, an act to open and extend Franklin street, in the western precincts of Baltimore, together with the documents and petitions relative thereto, be referred to Messrs. Warner, Donaldson and Dorsey.

On motion by Mr. Barney, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to fix and regulate the quality of silver plate manufactured or offered for sale in the city of Baltimore. Ordered that Messrs. Barney, Warner and Donaldson be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Rachel Rowans, of Dorchester county, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Wilson from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee of elections and privileges, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of St. Mary's county, complaining of the illegality of the election in that county, and praying that the seats of the delegates representing the said county may be vacated—Report, that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the election in said county, as appears by the return of the judges of election, and the shewing of the said petition itself, was legally held; they therefore recommend to the house the rejection of the prayer of the petition.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favor of Jehu Chandler, endorsed "assented to:" the bill for the relief of Nathan Trail, of Montgomery county, and the bill entitled, an act to alter and change the name of William Prentiss Swift, of Baltimore city, to that of William Roberdean Swift, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Jonathan Cox, of Allegany county; a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of David Williamson; and a bill entitled, an act relating to Femes Covert; severally passed by the senate Dec. 31st, which were read.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, *Ordered*, That the committee of elections and privileges have power to send for persons, papers and records.

Mr. Lecompte delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of John Williams, of Dorchester county; and a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Elizabeth Smith, of Dorchester county; which were severally read.

On motion by Mr. J. H. Thomas, the question was put, that the house reconsider the bill for the benefit of Rachel Rowans, of Dorchester county? Resolved in the affirmative. The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Donaldson from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Murray and Josias Stevenson, securities of Thomas Bailey, formerly sheriff of Baltimore county, praying the state of Maryland to remit the arrears of interest on all sums of money received on account of the state and not paid into the treasury by the said Thomas Bailey, for which judgements have been rendered in favor of the state against them as securities, and that the treasurer of the western shore may be authorised to settle and adjust the accounts of the said Thomas Bailey, and to ascertain the sum actually due by him to the state, have taken the same into consideration, and being of opinion, under the peculiar circumstances of want of notice and hardship, which their petition substantiated by oath sets forth, that its prayer is reasonable and ought to be acceded to, beg leave to submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered to examine into the accounts of Thomas Bailey, formerly sheriff of Baltimore county, with the state of Maryland, and to make allowances of such other and further credits as he the said Thomas Bailey shall satisfy him ought to be admitted, over and above the credits allowed on the judgments rendered against the said Thomas Bailey and his securities, John Murray and Josias Stevenson, in Baltimore county court, which bear date on the 21st day of November, in the year 1811; and that the said treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to release on behalf of the state, by instrument under his hand and seal, the said John Murray and Josias Stevenson from the judgments aforesaid, on the payment by them of the principal sum of money so ascertained to be due with costs, without any interest thereon, within months after the account shall have been so adjusted, provided the said adjustment shall be made within months from and after the passage of this resolution.

By order,

RINALDO PINDELL, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Barney delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Isaac Walker, of the city of Baltimore; Mr. Donaldson a bill entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act authorising commissioners to open the old road leading from Richard Owings' mill in Anne Arundel county to Elk Ridge church in Queen Caroline parish, passed at November session 1811; and Mr. Plater a bill