

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

Resolved, by this house, being the constitutional judges of the elections of its members, that the residence of twelve months in the state, and of six months in the county or city, required by the constitution to entitle to a vote at elections, is in both cases a *bona fide* voluntary residence, and that a temporary stay or a sojournment for a special purpose, of persons not having a fixed habitation in the state, (as in the case of persons of that description employed in making a public road) or a carrying, or abiding, which may be compelled, changed or determined, at the will of another, as in the case of regular soldiers of the army of the United States, where the party is at any time liable to be removed without his consent, is not such a residence under the constitution as does entitle to a vote ; and that the governor and council be requested to cause this resolution to be published for the particular information of the judges of election.

On motion by Mr. Howard, the question was put, that he have leave to withdraw his resolution? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs Plater, Millard, Causin, Boyer, Jervis Spencer, Hands, Reynolds, Taney, Turner, Ford, Rogerson, Bayly, Cottman, Stewart, Griffith, Tootle, Lecompte, J. R. Evans, Lusby, Hogg, R. Evans, Callis, John Thomas, Delaplane, J. H. Thomas, Potter, Jones, Kilgour, Crabb, Hilleary, Robinett, Howard.—32.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Sellman, Belt, Stansbury, Forwood, of Wm. Forwood, of J'b. Maulsby, Saulsby, Culbreth, Willis, Donaldson, Kershner, Gabby.—12.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, that the house concur in the report as amended, and assent to the resolution therein contained. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs Plater, Millard, Causin, Boyer, Jervis Spencer, Hands, Brown, Reynolds, Taney, Turner, Stonestreet, Ford, Rogerson, Bayly, Cottman, Stewart, Griffith, Tootel, Lecompte, J. R. Evans, Lusby, Hogg, R. Evans, Callis, J. Thomas, Delaplane, J. H. Thomas, Jones, Kilgour, Crabb, Hilleary, Robinett, M'Culloch, Howard.—34.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Sellman, Belt, Stansbury, Forwood, of Wm. Forwood, of J'b. Maulsby, Saulsby, Culbreth, Willis, Donaldson, Kershner, Gabby.—12. So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Messrs Duvall and Claude retired from the house.

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

FRIDAY, January 28, 1814.

THE House met.—Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Claude and Mr. Duvall.—The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Edward H. Calvert's old mill in Prince George's county, to the District of Columbia ; and the bill entitled, an act for the sale of the real estate of Thomas Parran, late of Calvert county deceased, were severally read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Tilghman delivers a bill entitled; an act to open a road from William's Port in Washington county to the Pennsylvania line; and Mr. Turner a bill entitled, an act authorising Wm. Clare late collector of Calvert county to complete his collection; and a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Isaac Baker, of Calvert county; which were severally read.

Mr. Randall delivers a petition from Sarah Guyton, and others of Baltimore county, praying that they may be allowed to sell the privilege of backing the water of a mill pond upon certain land belonging to the infant heirs of John Guyton deceased; which was read and referred to Messrs. Randall, Donaldson and Stansbury.

The bill from the senate entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the city of Baltimore to Havre-de-Grace, was read the second time, amended and passed.

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

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of James Chalmers, and Alexis Romain of the city of Baltimore; and the bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Baltimore Beneficial Society of the city of Baltimore, were severally read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill entitled, an act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of building a market house in the eastern precincts of Baltimore; was read the second time passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Howard delivers a bill entitled, an act to confirm an act entitled, an act to alter and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the division of Allegany county into election districts, was read the second time by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Maulsby from the committee delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Rhoads, and others of Harford county, praying that persons be appointed in said county to estimate and value carpenters' work, are of opinion that legislative interference at this time would be improper; the whole county would be affected by it, and only a very small part thereof having petitioned, your committee therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. All of which is herewith submitted.

By order,

WM. K. LAMBDIN, Clk.

Which was read.