

due to proceed according to law to become a citizen of the United States, this act shall have no effect to confirm his title to the property acquired as aforesaid; but if the said James Galbreath shall die before the time when by the laws of the United States he might become a citizen thereof, nothing in this proviso contained shall prevent him from transmitting or transferring his said property by descent or devise to any person capable in law to hold the same.

The bill entitled, an act to open a road from John Cain's tavern to Berlin, in Frederick county; the bill entitled, an act to lay out and make public a road in Kent county, and the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of John Fassitt, of Worcester county, were severally read the second time, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Charles Dashiell, (of Charles,) of Worcester county; a bill entitled, an act for the relief of John Westfall, of Frederick county; a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Margaret Griffith, of Frederick Town, in Frederick county; a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Henry W. Magruder, of Prince George's county; a bill entitled an act to incorporate the Buckingham Academy, in Worcester county; a bill entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act to lay out a road from William Sinclair's plantation to Vaughan's Mine Run and Gunpowder Mills, and from thence to the Owl Branch, passed at November session 1802; a bill entitled, an act to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of Margaret Miller and her four children, and a bill entitled, an act to alter, straighten and amend the road therein mentioned, in Harford county, severally passed by that house, Dec. 18, 1813; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. N. Williams from the committee delivers a bill entitled, an act to open and extend Franklin street, in the Western precincts of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Elizabeth Christopher, of Worcester county; a bill entitled, an act annulling the marriage of Thomas Robertson and Katturah Robertson of Somerset county; a bill entitled, an act to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne Arundel county, to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of John Carman, his wife and their three children, and a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act for founding an academy at Hager's town, in Washington county, severally passed by that house, Dec. 20, 1813; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of James Hooper, James Lecompte and William Frazier, of Dorchester county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the following message, to wit:

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 20, 1813.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

The congress of the United States having passed a law at their last session, entitled, "an act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States," by which it is enacted, that the quota or portion of the said tax to be paid by the citizens of the state of Maryland, is one hundred and fifty one thousand six hundred and twenty three dollars and ninety four cents; and by the seventh section of the said act it is provided, "that each state may pay its quota into the treasury of the United States, and thereon shall be entitled to a deduction of fifteen per centum, if paid before the tenth day of February next, provided that notice of the intention of making such payment be given to the secretary of the treasury one month prior to such payment."

Inasmuch therefore, as the payment by the State of Maryland of its proportion of said tax, agreeably to the terms of the act of Congress aforesaid, will not only be a great relief to the citizens of Maryland, by exempting them from the payment thereof, but also save to the state the sum of twenty two thousand seven hundred & forty three dollars & fifty eight cents; and we believe the funds of this state fully adequate to the discharge of the quota aforesaid; and as the senate are constitutionally precluded from originating any bill or resolution necessary for effecting this desirable measure, we can only apprise your honorable house, in this manner, that should a bill pass the House of Delegates, providing for the payment of the said tax, it will meet with the concurrence of the senate,

By order,

THOMAS ROGERS, Clk.

Was read the first and second time, and the question put, will the senate agree thereto? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs Davis, (President,) Brown, Fenwick, Frazier, Hawkins, Habb, Holbrook, L. Hollingsworth, W. Hollingsworth, MacCreery, Stephen, Tabbs, J. Williams, N. Williams.—14.

NEGATIVE.

So it was unanimously resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk. The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 21, 1813.

THE senate met.—Present the same members as on yesterday.—The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Hebb presented a petition from Jonathan Cox, of Allegany county, praying a law to correct an error in the patent therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs Hebb, Tabbs and Holbrook to consider and report thereon.