

A. D. Mitchell, Beall, T. N. Williams, Wilson, Quinton, Taney, Thomas, Howard, Hall, Willis, Bowles, Jones, Hilleary, Prather.—22

So it was resolved in the affirmative and sent to the senate.

Mr. Van Horn delivers a bill entitled, an act authorising the retailing of strong beer and cider without licence. Which was read.

Mr. Styll delivers a bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act authorising the justices of the orphans' courts to take sheriffs' bonds. Which was read.

The bill entitled, an act to lay out and open a road in Harford county, was read the second time and passed.

The bill entitled, an act to authorise Christopher Johnson, of the city of Baltimore, to lease and let out the leasehold estate and property which belonged to Daniel Deady, deceased, was read the second time by special order and passed.

Mr. W. Stuart delivers a bill entitled, an act securing to mechanics and others, payment for their labor and materials in erecting any house or other building within the city and precincts of Baltimore. Which was read.

The bill entitled, an act authorising the drawing of a lottery for the benefit of the surgical institution of Baltimore, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. W. Stuart delivers a petition from William G. M'Cluer, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency. Which was read and referred to Messrs. W. Stuart, Stansbury and Hughes.

Mr. Denny from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Bell Whitby, of Caroline county, report, that they have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is just and reasonable; they therefore recommend the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the Eastern Shore be, and he is hereby directed and required to pay to William Bell Whitby, or his order, the sum of one hundred and ninety-nine pounds, fifteen shillings and two pence, as a reimbursement of composition money paid the state of Maryland.

By order,

W. K. LAMB DIN, Clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Bostian Medlar, was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Bowles, the question was put that the word "musician" be stricken out and the words "drum major" be inserted in lieu thereof? Determined in the affirmative, and the question put that the house concur with the report and assent to the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative.

The reports in favor of Nehemiah Crawford, John Roby, John Boone and William Gates, were severally read the second time, and the resolutions therein contained assented to.

On motion by Mr. Van Horn, the following message was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 19, 1815.

*Gentlemen of the senate,*

We propose with the concurrence of your honorable body to adjourn from Friday next to meet again on Monday the first day of January, 1816. Very little business has heretofore been done between Christmas and New Year's day. The adjournment above proposed if agreed to by you, would prove a great convenience to many members of both houses and a considerable saving to the state as no member would be entitled to any per diem who shall have left the city during the adjournment.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Mr. W. Stuart delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the Baltimore Carpenters' Humane Society. Which was read.

The bill entitled, an act to authorise the sale of a part of the real estate of Benjamin Ricaud, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to alter the times of holding the county courts in Frederick and Washington counties, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to erect a town in Frederick county and for other purposes, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments."—Which amendments were read the first and second time by special order, agreed to and the bill ordered to be engrossed, and the bill entitled, an act in addition to an act entitled, "an act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators, and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons," passed by the senate December 19, 1815. Which was read.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of the devisees of Thomas M'Creery, was read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Spencer, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act for the benefit of the heirs of William Ringgold, of Kent county. Ordered, that Messrs. Spencer, Tilghman and Boyer be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Long delivers a petition from Samuel Maddox, of Somerset county, praying a divorce. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Long, Hughes and W. Stuart. Also a petition from Amelia Maddox, wife of the said Samuel Maddox, praying a divorce. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Long, Bayly and Dennis.

Mr. Mecconniken delivers a bill entitled, an act to authorise Walter Slicer, of Allegany county, to import and bring into this state a certain negro therein named. Which was read.

Mr. Taney delivers a bill entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the village of New Windsor sulphur springs to intersect the Westminster turnpike, Baltimore and Reisterstown turnpike road at or near the west end of the town of Westminster. Which was read.

Mr. W. Stuart delivers a petition from William Kennedy of the city of Baltimore, praying permission to remove his present hay scales, to or erect a new hay scales in and upon a lot of ground in Pleasant-street. Which was read and referred to Messrs. W. Stuart, Randall and Stansbury.

On motion by Mr. Lecompt, ordered, that the committee of claims allow the several members of the last legislature that were detained at the city of Annapolis by indisposition after the rising of the legis-