

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, Dorchester county was inserted.

On motion by Mr. Tilghman, Kent county was inserted.

On motion by Mr. Beard, Cecil county was inserted.

On motion by Mr. Bayly, Somerset county was inserted.

On motion by Mr. E. K. Wilson, the further consideration of the said bill was postponed, and made the order of the day for Monday the 15th instant.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill entitled, an act authorising the retailing of strong beer and cider without licence.

On motion by Mr. Lecompt, the question was put that the word "white" be stricken out of the bill? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Bayly, the question was put that the whole of the bill after the words "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland," be stricken out for the purpose of substituting the following as an amendment in lieu thereof: "That all those parts of any acts of assembly which require a licence to retail strong beer and cider be and the same are hereby repealed?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Van Horn, the question was then put that the house reconsider the said amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Van Horn, the question was then put, that the following be received as an amendment to the said amendment: "So far as to allow any white person or persons to retail strong beer or cider without licence?" Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Bradford, the question was then put, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until the first day of June next? Determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout and amended, the question was put, shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill entitled, an act to widen or change a part of the public road leading from Vienna to Henry's cross roads in Dorchester county; and the bill entitled, an act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Princess Anne in Somerset county, were severally read the second time and passed.

The bill from the senate entitled, an act for the benefit of John Casson and James Casson, heirs and representatives of William Casson, late of Caroline county, deceased. The bill entitled, an act to appoint Thomas R. Hodges, of the town of Upper Marlborough, Prince George's county, trustee for the sale of a certain tract of land therein mentioned; and the bill entitled, an act to lay out and open a road in Harford county, were severally read the second time and passed.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act authorising the justices of the orphans' courts to take sheriffs bonds. On motion by Mr. Styll, the following was received as an amendment at the end of the said bill: "And be it enacted, That the qualification of any sheriff already taken before a justice of the orphans' court shall be valid and effectual in law. The question was then put, shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of James Sewell, of Cecil county, was read the second time and passed.

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

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Western Shore pay to his excellency the governor, or his order the residue of the sum which still remains in the treasury appropriated under a resolution of the session of 1812, for the purpose of furnishing the government house, and such additional sum as may be deemed requisite for the repairs necessary thereto and furnishing the same, not exceeding

On motion by Mr. Neale, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act respecting last wills and testaments. Ordered, that Messrs. Neale, Causia and Van Horn be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Bayly from the committee of grievances and courts of justice delivers the following report:

The committee of grievances and courts of justice to whom was referred the order of the house of delegates relative to the printing and distribution of the laws and votes and proceedings of the last session of assembly, beg leave to report, that they have in compliance with said order, enquired and ascertained that the said laws and votes and proceedings have not been, as usual deposited in the council chamber for distribution.

The committee then proceeded to enquire of the printer of the state the cause of the failure of printing them—Who answers that he has set the types for about one fourth of the laws, and progressed as far as twenty nine days proceedings of the house of delegates, and assigns as a reason for not completing the publication, that the house of delegates at their last session did not increase his salary, and therefore the civil list was rejected by the senate. It appears to your committee that there is no prospect that the said printer will in any reasonable time publish the said laws and votes and proceedings—And as the interests of the public require that work to be performed as speedily as possible, and the courts of justice are placed in an embarrassed situation for want of the laws, your committee would therefore recommend to the house to adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby requested to contract with the printer to the state or some other person to print the laws and votes and proceedings of the last session of assembly as speedily as can conveniently be done, and upon the best terms they can obtain.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding _____ dollars be appropriated for the above object, of any unappropriated money in the treasury, and that the treasurer of the Western Shore pay the same to the order of the governor and council.

By order,

WM. K. LAMB DIN, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Lloyd, ordered, that the said report be made the order of the day for Thursday the 11th instant, and that the same be printed.

On motion by Mr. Kilgour, the following message was read, agreed to and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 3, 1816.

Gentlemen of the senate,

We have appointed Messrs. Kilgour and Lloyd a committee to join such gentlemen as shall be