

We have the honor to send for the consideration of the Legislature an amendment proposed to the constitution of the United States by the General Assembly of North Carolina. Also resolves of the same Legislature, upon amendments to the constitution of the United States, proposed by the Legislatures of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Georgia.

We have the honor to be with great respect,

Your obedient servants,

C. RIDGELY, (of Hampton.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.

IN COUNCIL, Annapolis, January 3, 1816.

GENTLEMEN,

The communications which accompany this have been forwarded to this department, and are now transmitted to the General Assembly in conformity to the forty-seventh section of the Penitentiary Law.

We have the honor to be with great respect,

Your obedient servants,

C. RIDGELY, (of Hampton.)

Which, with the accompanying papers were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 18, 1816.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We yesterday communicated with you by message on the subject of proceeding to the election of a senator in the congress of the United States, to which we have received no answer. As the close of the session is fast approaching, and the general interests of the state demand this vacancy to be filled, we respectfully ask of your house a definite answer on this subject.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Mr. Harryman delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Shadrack Tepton. Which was read.

Mr. Van Horn delivers a bill entitled, an act relating to conveyances by non-residents. Which was read.

Mr. E. K. Wilson delivers a petition from the chairman and trustees of the Baltimore exchange company, praying that a law may pass to condemn a certain lot for a public street in the city of Baltimore. Also a petition from William Patterson, John Oliver and others, praying for an act of incorporation for the exchange erected in the city of Baltimore. Which were severally read and referred to Messrs. E. K. Wilson, Hughes and William Steuart.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill entitled, an additional supplement to an act entitled, an act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and after some time spent therein, on motion by Mr. Lecompte the question was put, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Causin, Stoddert, Hart, Pitt, Lecompte, J. Mitchell, Johnson, Hall, Forwood, Schnebly, Jones—11

NEGATIVE—Mr. Speaker, Messrs Scott, Neale, Spencer, Boyer, Brown, R. Dorsey, C. Steuart, Gray, Graham, Ireland, Reynolds, Randall, Little, Stansbury, Harryman, Dickinson, Martin, Lloyd, Bayly, Long, Dennis, J. C. Wilson, Griffith, A. D. Mitchell, Davidson, Evens, Somervill, Beall, Calvert, Van Horn, Duvall, Claude, Mcconniken, Harrison, Stevens, E. K. Wilson, Quinton, Thomas, Sewell, Bradford, Denny, Willis, Styll, W. Steuart, Hughes, Kershner, Bowles, Riggs, Crabb, Kilgour, M'Mahon, Hilleary, Tomlinson, Prather—55

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Van Horn the question was then put, that the said bill be recommitted for amendment, and that the committee be enlarged by the addition of Messrs. Beall and Little. Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill entitled an act for the benefit of Philip Spalding of Prince George's county. The bill entitled an act for the benefit of Ignatius Pike of Saint Mary's county; and the bill to lay out and open a road near Hancock town in Washington county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill entitled, an act to make valid a deed from William K. Clagett of Baltimore county, to Samuel A. Berry of Charles county, endorsed, "on re consideration will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also a bill entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections, passed by the senate January 18, 1816. Which was read.

The amendment proposed by the senate to the bill to provide for the erection of a new court house in Hager's town, Washington county, was read the second time, assented to and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. W. Steuart, Ordered, that on the second reading of the bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, act to authorise the filling up, and extending of certain lots on the south side of the basin in the city of Baltimore, Thomas Baltzel and the mayor of the city of Baltimore, in behalf of the corporation be heard by council at the bar of the house in support of the prayer of their joint petition.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to authorise and empower the Levy court of Charles county to assess and levy a sum of money on the assessable property thereof, for the purpose of building a jail in said county. Ordered, that Messrs. Stoddert, Stonestreet and Lecompte be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland, and for the extension of the charters of the several banks in this state, and for other purposes; and the bill entitled, an act for the relief of Samuel Lukins of Montgomery county, were severally read the second time and passed.

Mr. Hughes delivers a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to establish pilots and regulate their fees. Which was read.

Mr. Van Horn delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Walter W. Harwood of Prince George's