

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the state of North Carolina have resolved that the congress of the United States be requested to propose the following amendment to the constitution of the United States and have transmitted the same for consideration to this Legislature, to wit:

"That for the purpose of choosing representatives in the congress of the United State, each state shall by its Legislature, be divided into a number of districts equal to the number of representatives to which such state may be entitled

Those districts shall be formed of contiguous territory and contain as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants entitled by the constitution to be represented. In each district the qualified voters shall elect one representative and no more.

That for the purpose of appointing electors of president and vice president of the United States, each state shall, by its Legislature be divided into a number of districts equal to the number of electors to which such state may be entitled.

Those districts shall be composed of contiguous territory, and contain as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants entitled by the constitution to representation. In each district the persons qualified to vote for representatives, shall appoint one elector and no more. The electors, when convened, shall have power, in case any of those appointed as above prescribed shall fail to attend for the purposes of their said appointment, on the day prescribed for giving their votes for president and vice president of the United States, to appoint another or others to act in the place of him or them so failing to attend.

Neither the districts for choosing representatives, nor those for appointing electors shall be altered in any state, until a census and apportionment of representatives under it made, subsequent to the division of the state into districts, shall change the number of representatives and of electors to which such state may be entitled. The division of states into districts, hereby provided for shall take place immediately after this amendment shall be adopted and ratified as a part of the constitution of the United States; and successively afterwards, whenever by a census & apportionment of representatives under it, the number of representatives and of electors to which any state may be entitled shall be changed. The division of such state into districts for the purposes both of choosing representatives and of appointing electors, shall be altered agreeable to the provisions of this amendment, and on no other occasion."

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the senators and representatives of this state in Congress, be requested to endeavor to procure the aforesaid proposition of amendment to the constitution of the United States to be submitted to the several states for adoption in the manner prescribed by that instrument.

*Resolved,* That the governor of this state be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress; and also to the executives of the several states, accompanied with the request, that the same may be laid before their respective Legislatures.

By order,

THOMAS ROGERS, Ck.

Which were read,

The house adjourns until this evening 5 o'clock.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The house met.

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Elizabeth Barrow, the widow and devisees of William Barrow, late of Dorchester county, deceased, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the engrossed bills, No. 1 to 80 inclusive, endorsed, "read and assented to." The bill authorising Enoch Coombs, late sheriff of Saint Mary's county, to complete his collections. The bill authorising Robert Welch, of Ben. collector of Anne Arundel county, to complete his collections. The bill for the benefit of Thomas W. Griffith, late collector of Baltimore county. The bill authorising William Waller, late sheriff of Somerset county, to complete his collections. The bill authorising Solomon Groves, late sheriff of Anne Arundel county, to complete his collections. The bill authorising Thomas Stevens, late sheriff of Talbot county, to complete his collections. The bill for the benefit of Robert Gorsuch, late collector of Baltimore county; and the bill respecting the Register of Wills for Saint Mary's county, severally endorsed, "will not pass." The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Susannah Parker and her infant children, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the infant children of Jeremiah Crabb, late of Montgomery county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read; and a bill entitled, an act to authorise the sheriffs and collectors of the several counties of this state to complete their collections, and for other purposes, endorsed, "passed by the senate January 25, 1816." Which bill was read the first and second time by special order and passed. Also a communication from the president of the Baltimore and Risters town turnpike road company covering a transcript from the accounts of said company from the institution of the incorporation to the 6th of November 1815. Which were read.

Mr. Lloyd delivers a petition from William Pitt Ridgway of Talbot county, praying a special act of insolvency. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Lloyd, Dickinson and Harrison.

Mr. Bradford from the committee delivers the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 25, 1816.

*Resolved,* That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to Michael McCann of Harford county, or to his order, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, a sum of money annually in quarterly payments equal to the half pay of a private soldier, as a further remuneration for those services rendered his country during the struggle for independence.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Ck.

Which was read the first and second time by special order and assented to.

Mr. Bradford from the committee delivers the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 25, 1816.

*Resolved,* That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay unto Abraham Hooper, of Harford county, or to his order out of any unappropriated money in the treasury,