

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal all that part of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Allegany county into six separate election districts; and the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the recording of certain deeds and other papers, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Mr. Winchester reported a bill, entitled, An act to alter, change, and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as establish religious tests as a qualification for civil offices; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The president laid before the senate the following letter:

Cumberland, December 15, 1816.

To the honourable the Senate of Maryland,
GENTLEMEN—My private business and domestic concerns rendering it impossible for me to attend the present session of the legislature, you will please to receive this as declining to accept my appointment as senator.

I am gentlemen, your obedient servant,

ROGER PERRY.

Which was read.

The bill, entitled, An act to alter and change the place of holding the elections in the first election district in Harford county; and the bill, entitled, An act to repeal and alter that part of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Dorchester county into three separate election districts, 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 the following bills and resolutions: A bill, entitled, An act authorising Philip King, of Charles county, to bring sundry negroes into this state; the bill, entitled, An act to open and extend Pine-street in the western precincts of Baltimore; the bill, entitled, An act to lay out ground for a wharf and lumber yard at Mattapony landing in Worcester county; the bill, entitled, An act to empower Susanna Bright and James Bright, of Queen-Anne's county, to convey the real estate of Francis Bright; the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph's in Frederick county; the bill, entitled, An act to locate and make public a road from New-Windsor sulphur springs, to Poulson's meeting-house, in Frederick county, then to intersect the Deer park road in Baltimore county; the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Daniel Rouser of Frederick county; the bill entitled, An act authorising the sale of certain property therein mentioned; the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Ann Worrell Comegys, and the bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the name of the Elkton Bank of Maryland; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled, An act for appointing a printer to the state, was read the second time by special order, and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. At the end of the second section of the bill, add, "Provided nevertheless, that for the present year the printer aforesaid shall be allowed twenty days, in addition to the time heretofore allowed by law, for printing the laws, votes and proceedings, after the same shall be delivered to him by the clerk, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding."

Which amendment was read the first and second time, and the bill passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money to buy a lot of ground in Frederick-Town, in Frederick county, and build a church and parsonage house thereon, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Amendments proposed. 1. After the word "lottery" in the beginning of the fifth line of the first section insert, "for raising a sum of money not exceeding the sum of thirty thousand dollars." 2. After the word "advantageous" in the 7th line of the first section, strike out the words, "for raising a sum of money not exceeding the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars," and insert, "the money arising therefrom."

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 2, 1817.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and required, to pay to Robert Bruce, (an old revolutionary soldier) or to his order, during his life, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private, annually, in quarterly payments, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, as a further recompense for his meritorious services during the revolutionary war.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 2, 1817.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to pay annually, in quarterly payments, unto William Reiley, of the District of Columbia, late a captain in the Maryland line in the revolutionary war, or to his order, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a captain, as a further remuneration for the gallant services he rendered his country during the American war.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 2, 1817.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to pay unto Basil Burgess, (an officer in the revolutionary war) or to his order, annually, in quarterly payments, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a lieutenant, during his life, as a further remuneration for those services rendered his country during her struggle for independence.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message was received from the house of delegates:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 1, 1817.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

The communication made to the house of delegates by the commissioners under the joint resolution of the general assembly at their last session, in relation to the practicability and expediency of opening and extending Pratt and Lombard-streets in the city of Baltimore, presenting a subject heretofore under the consideration of each branch of the legislature, we deem it proper, and think it advantageous, that it be acted upon in joint committee, and have named Messrs. Kell, William Stewart, Causin, Callis, Hamble