

**Amendment proposed.** In the 8th line of the 2d section after the word "for" strike out the remainder of the section, and insert "any services done by virtue of this act, as is allowed by law in like cases."

Mr. Winchester reported a bill, entitled, An act to invest the levy court of Baltimore county with the powers now exercised by the commissioners of the tax of the city and county of Baltimore, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act concerning public worship, passed by the senate 18th January, 1817, and sent to the house of delegates, was returned by that house, endorsed "will not pass;" was again sent to the house of delegates with the following message:

BY THE SENATE, January 27, 1817.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We return the bill, entitled, An act concerning public worship, rejected by your house on the 21st inst. and hope, that on further consideration you will agree to pass it. The evil intended to be remedied by this law has been long felt and complained of, but more especially within the last few years, as the rapid increase in the value of property has rendered it necessary that all places of public worship should be erected on comparatively small lots of ground, and fronting immediately on paved streets, which expose them, during hours of divine service, to constant and continued interruptions. The inconvenience to which it would expose the citizens of Baltimore, by obliging them to go a few yards out of the way, is so very trifling as not to be put in competition with the object of the bill. It is believed that such a practice prevails in almost every city of the continent. And upon a recurrence to the statute book, it will be found that much more extended provisions have been made to protect persons and places devoted to divine service. The memorials which accompany the bill include every denomination of christians in the city of Baltimore, and to which the attention of the house of delegates is respectfully requested.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

On motion of Mr. Winder, Ordered, That the hour of adjournment of the senate for the remainder of the session be four o'clock in the afternoon. Determined in the negative.

The committee to whom the address from the house of delegates requesting the removal of Judge Hollingsworth was referred, beg leave to recommend to the senate the adoption of the following order:—Ordered, That the senate will, at 5 o'clock this evening, hear evidence at the bar of the senate in and relating to Judge Hollingsworth, and that the witnesses attending on the part of the said Judge be directed to appear in the senate chamber at the above time; which was postponed.

Ordered, That the senate will sit for the dispatch of business from the hour of nine in the morning till three in the afternoon, and from five in the afternoon until 7 o'clock; which was read and adopted.

Ordered, That a committee of accounts be appointed to superintend and keep the diary of the attendance of the members of this house and its officers, and to make certificates thereof; which was read and adopted, and committed to Messrs. Hughlett, Leigh and Magruder.

Mr. Van-Horn from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Lantz of Allegany county, praying that he be permitted to remove certain negroes from Virginia into this state, report, that it is not stated by petitioner how he acquired a right to the negroes mentioned in said petition, but your committee are informed that he purchased said negroes—Your committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the said petitioner is unreasonable and ought not to be granted.

All which is submitted.

By order,

T. J. BRICE, Clk.

The senate adjourns until 5 o'clock P. M.

P. M. 5 O'CLOCK.

The senate met.

The resolutions in favour of John J. Jacobs, Henry Leeke, Richard Bidwell, John Bennett, Nathan Griffin, Thomas Thompson, Richard Niblet, Kinsey Harrison, Charles Thompson, Benjamin Stevens, Hugh Connelly, James Davidson, Christopher Parrott, Abraham Hooper, John Becroft, Michael Boyer, Robert Bruce, Lawrence Simpson, Lawrence Hurdle, John Leather, William Davis, Gabriel Galworth, Bazil Burgess, William Layman, William Law, John Newman, Allen Townsend, Solomon Summers and Benjamin Young, old soldiers and officers in the revolutionary war, were severally read the second time and assented to.

The resolution in favour of the legal representatives of Robert H. Harrison was read the second time and dissented from.

Mr. Winder reported a bill, entitled, An act for the temporary relief of the poor in the several counties of this state; which was read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion of Mr. Winder, the following order was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the governor and council be and they are hereby directed and required, to send a copy of the act, entitled, An act for the temporary relief of the poor in the several counties of this state, by express to the presiding justices of the levy court of each county of this state.

On motion of Mr. Winder, Ordered, That that part of the order which requires the senate to meet at 5 o'clock in the afternoon be and is hereby rescinded.

Mr. Dorsey reported a bill, entitled, An act relating to vagrants in the city of Baltimore; also a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change all and every part of the constitution and form of government as relate to the attorney-general; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to limit the authority of the bailiff or constable of the village of Denton in Caroline county, was read the second time, will pass with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

**Amendment proposed.** After the word "to" in the 10th line strike out "act as bailiff or constable," and insert "send any process."

On motion of Mr. Hughlett, the resolution relative to the treasurer of the western shore and the treasurer of the eastern shore, was read the second time, will pass with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

**Amendment proposed.** In the 7th line of the first resolve strike out the word "money" and insert "bank notes."

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.