

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The bill, entitled, An act to authorise Mary Ann Nelms, natural guardian to George Nelms and Ann Eliza Nelms, to convey the property therein mentioned, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass. The bill, entitled, An act supplementary to the acts relating to the equity jurisdiction of the county courts, was read the third time and will not pass. The bill, entitled, An act incorporating the Baltimore Second Dispensary, read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Jackson Benevolent Society of Baltimore, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and on motion of Mr. Carmichael to strike out the first section, it was determined in the affirmative. The question was then put, Shall this bill pass? Determined in the negative.

The resolution relative to lot No. 65 in the city of Baltimore, was read the third time by special order and assented to.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Mary Mackubbin of Anne-Arundel county was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to appoint trustees for the sale of the real estate of James Lackland, late of Montgomery county, deceased, was read the second and third time by special order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Henry Christ of Washington county, was read the second and third time by special order and will pass. The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Caleb P. Davis of Caroline county, was read the second and third time by special order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act for the sale of the real estate of John Lea, a minor, of Queen Anne's county, was read the second and third time by special order and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners to review a road in Washington county, was read the second and third time by special order and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal the act, entitled, An act securing to the sheriff of Baltimore county the gaol fees of certain insolvent debtors, was read the second and by special order the third time, and will pass. The bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Theophilus Russell of Kent county, and Anne his wife, was read the second and by special order the third time, and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal the third section of an act, entitled, An act to suppress duelling, was read, and on further consideration will pass. The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Robert Lord and Virgil Swezy of Baltimore county, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will not pass. The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Hugh Foy, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Eleanor Kennedy of the district of Columbia, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the trustees of Garrison Forrest Academy of Baltimore county, was read the second and third time by special order and will pass. The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum of money to repair the Liberty Road, was read the second and third time by special order, and will pass.

Mr. Taney from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate lotteries, beg leave to report:

That among other provisions in this bill, it proposes to grant certain privileges to six lotteries enumerated in the bill. Your committee have examined into the facts connected with the different lotteries designed to be excepted by this bill from the operation of law to regulate lotteries, and beg leave to report:

That the first section of the bill in question proposes to repeal that part of the law to regulate lotteries which imposes a tax of five per cent on the prizes in the Surgical Institution Lottery. It appears to your committee, that by a law passed at December session 1815, the managers of the Surgical Institution Lottery were authorised to propose "a scheme of one or more lotteries, for raising a sum of money not exceeding \$50,000, with the expense of drawing the same;" under the authority given by this law, the managers did propose a scheme for raising the whole sum authorised by law, and sold the same for the sum of \$12,500, to an individual, who took upon himself the risk of drawing the lottery, and the same was accordingly drawn. In the view of your committee, the power given by the act of 1815 was fully exercised in proposing and drawing the scheme above mentioned, and they cannot perceive any thing in the law that can justify the managers in proposing, as they have done, another scheme for raising \$54,000. Your committee are of opinion, that the second scheme was wholly unauthorised, and that the permission given to draw it in the act to regulate lotteries, might have been properly authorised, therefore there can be no reason for exempting it from the tax imposed on other lotteries. Your committee beg leave further to state, that the manner in which the first scheme was drawn cannot be considered as giving the second any peculiar title to the favour of the legislature. In the first scheme, as proposed by the managers, the tickets were rated at \$45 each, but the purchaser of the lottery published by the managers, rating the tickets at \$50 each, without altering the amount of prizes, and by this single operation made for himself near \$50,000 in addition to the \$37,500 made by the purchase of the scheme. though the managers of the lottery in question are very far above the suspicion of having countenanced this gross imposition on the public, yet it may not be improper to remark, that in selecting citizens of high standing, and known integrity, as the managers of the lotteries, the legislature have always intended that the care and vigilance of the managers should guard the public from abuses of this kind.

The second section of the bill proposes to exempt the Medical College lottery, designated as the first class, from the operation of the five per cent tax. In relation to this lottery, it appears to your committee that a lottery for the benefit of this institution was authorised by a law passed at December session, 1815, entitled, "An act to authorise the raising of a sum of money by a lottery or lotteries to build an academy for the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes." The fifth section of this law empowered the managers of the Medical College lottery to propose a scheme or schemes of a lottery or lotteries, for raising a sum of money not exceeding \$30,000 clear of expenses, as a former law had given to this institution the benefit of a lottery which they had drawn according to the law. The lottery permitted by the act of 1815, designated the second class, although it was the first under that act of assembly. A scheme designated as the first class, was proposed by the managers, which purported to raise \$30,000, the sum authorised by law to be raised. This scheme was sold by the managers for the sum of \$12,500, and the lottery was drawn. Under the same law the managers have proposed another lottery, designated as the third class, by which it is again proposed to raise the full sum of \$30,000, and they have sold the scheme to an individual for the sum of \$7,500, who now claims to be relieved from the payment of the