

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list and other expenses of civil government; was read the second, and by special order the third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to declare and enlarge the powers of the court of chancery, and the county courts as courts of equity, was read the second, and by special order the third time; On motion of Mr. Taney, That the first section be stricken out? Determined in the affirmative. The question was then put, Shall this bill pass? Determined in the negative.

The resolution relative to Kilty's English Statutes, was read the third time, and assented to. The resolution in favour of the examiner general, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and assented to. The resolution authorising the congress of the United States of making any internal improvements in and through this state, they in their wisdom may suggest, was read the third time and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act for the better regulation of the militia of the city of Baltimore, was read the third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the engrossed bills from No. 172 to 183, inclusive, which were read, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act relative to German and Swiss redemptioners, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the council delivers a communication from the executive, covering a letter from the honourable John Leeds Kerr, agent for the state; which were read and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a wharf at the town of Cambridge in Dorchester county, was read the second, and by special order the third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Matilda Mercer, Stephen J. Donaldson, and Priscilla Donaldson, of the city of Baltimore, was returned by the house of delegates with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 16, 1818.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We return to you a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Matilda Mercer, Stephen J. Donaldson, and Priscilla Donaldson, of the city of Baltimore, with a hope that as the case is not provided for by any existing law you will reconsider and pass the same.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

The senate agreed to reconsider the said bill, and the question was put, Shall this bill pass? Determined in the negative.

The resolution in favour of Bean S. Pigman, and relative to turnpike roads, were severally read the second and third time by special order and assented to.

The resolution relative to proclamation warrants, and the resolution in favour of Elijah Smith, were severally read the second, and by special order the third time, dissented from, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to alter the divisions of the militia of this state, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass. Sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a resolution relative to lotteries, and in favour of the messenger to the court of chancery, which were read the first, second and third time by special order, and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk. And a resolution relative to the members and officers of each house; which was read the first second and third time and dissented from.

BY THE SENATE, February 16, 1818.

Resolved, That the governor and council be requested to cause a copy of the bill, entitled, An act relative to German and Swiss redemptioners, to be published for three months in some newspaper in each of the principal commercial cities in the United States, for the information of the persons who may be affected by the provisions of this law.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, An act for the better protection of slaveholders in the several counties therein mentioned, with the following message;

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 16, 1818.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We have negatived the amendment proposed by your body to the bill, entitled, An act for the better protection of slaveholders in the several counties therein mentioned, and hope that on reconsideration the same you will pass the bill in its present form.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

On reconsideration the amendments were receded from, and the bill returned to the house of delegates by the clerk.

And the following resolutions: In favour of the members and officers of each house; which was read the first, second, and third time by special order and assented to. A resolution in favour of Jehu Chandler, which was read the first, second, and third time by special order, dissented from, and returned to the house of delegates.

And the following message.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 16, 1818.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We propose, with your concurrence, to close the session to day. Messrs Bradford and Eccleston appointed to join the gentlemen named on your part to wait on his excellency the governor, and request his attendance in the senate chamber at such hour as it may be convenient for you to appoint, to sign and seal the laws, agreeably to the constitution and form of government.

By order

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

The resolution relative to investing the money assumed by the general government; which was read the first, second and third time by special order, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, February 16, 1818.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We are prepared to close the session this day, and have appointed Messrs. Jackson and Emerson to join the gentlemen named on the part of the house of delegates to wait on the governor, and request