

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to insolvent debtors in the city and county of Baltimore, was on motion of Mr. Harper referred to a special committee. Ordered, That Messrs. Harper, Gale and Maxcy, be the said committee.

Mr. Carmichael from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, reported the same with sundry amendments; which were read and adopted.

Amendments proposed, to wit: 1st. Strike out the words "under execution or otherwise" 4th line enacting clause. 2d. After the word "his" same line insert the word "official." 3d. Strike out from the word "due" 5th line enacting clause to the end of the bill, and insert—"It shall and may be lawful for any justice of the peace, upon the application of the party to whom the money is due, to issue a *scire facias* against said constable, commanding him to be and appear before him the said justice, to shew cause why judgment should not be rendered against him for the principal, interest and costs, so by him received, and refused or neglected to be paid over, and upon the return of said *scire facias*, and the appearance of the said constable, or on the return of two *scire facias*'s being both made known the said justice shall render such judgment as shall appertain to right and justice, and on which execution shall or may issue as in the case of other judgments. And be it enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the said justice to direct said *scire facias* to any free white person, and served by him shall be to all intents as available in law as if it had been made by a constable duly appointed and qualified. And be it enacted, that upon a judgment so rendered as aforesaid there shall be no supersedeas, except where the party shall or may appeal to the county court, in which case, upon the execution of an appeal bond with good securities to be approved of by said justices, execution shall be stayed as is in other cases now provided for by law.

The bill was then read a third time by special order, as amended, and the question put, Shall the said bill as amended pass? Determined in the affirmative. Sent to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 10, 1820

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Zachariah Roberts, of the city of Baltimore, or to his order, for life, in quarter annual payments, the half pay of a quarter master sergeant, as a remuneration for his services during the revolutionary war.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Also a bill, entitled, An act extending the time for taking the bond of the sheriff of Calvert county; a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to the act, entitled, An act for the further compensation of jurors in Harford county; a bill, entitled, An act relating to the city court of Baltimore; a bill, entitled, An act relating to the confinement of persons convicted in the courts of the United States for the district of Maryland, in the penitentiary of this state; a bill, entitled, An act relating to constables in the city of Baltimore; a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Nanticoke river at or near Vienna, in Dorchester county; and a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the recording a deed therein mentioned: which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

And returns the bill, authorising William Robinson to remove his negroes from the state of Virginia into this state, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 11, 1820.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We again return the bill, entitled, An act authorising William Robinson to remove his negroes from the state of Virginia into this state, to you for reconsideration. The informality alluded to in your message of the fifth instant, was entirely accidental. A message was prepared and sent, but the chief clerk was indisposed, and the gentleman who acted in his stead not being experienced in parliamentary usages, did not suppose that it could have been of any importance to place the message on the top rather than within the folds of the bill, where he did place it, hence the error. This statement is deemed sufficient to satisfy the senate that nothing offensive to the dignity of that body, nor any designed violation of established usages was intended; we hope upon reconsideration that you will pass the bill herewith returned.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Which was read.

The bill extending the time for taking the bond of the sheriff of Calvert county, was read the second, and third time by special order, and will pass. Sent to the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. Harper, the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to insolvent debtors in the city and county of Baltimore, was discharged from the consideration thereof, and the said bill was returned to the house of delegates, with the following message:

BY THE SENATE, Jan. 11, 1820.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We return you a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to insolvent debtors in the city and county of Baltimore, which contains so many interlineations, erasures and blots, that the meaning of several parts thereof is thereby rendered doubtful and uncertain. We presume it has been sent to us in this condition by mistake, and return it that your honourable house may take such order on the subject as in your judgment shall be right.

By order,

J. N. WATKINS, Clk.

Mr. Maxcy from the committee reported a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor within the several counties therein mentioned; which was read the first, and by special order the second and third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. Harper, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act supplemental to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Baltimore General Dispensary. Ordered, that Messrs. Harper, Cresap and Emerson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to repeal all such parts of the several acts therein mentioned, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and on motion of Mr. Carmichael, the question was put, Will the senate