

they proceed to execute or distrain the property of any person or persons for taxes, public dues or officers fees, in virtue of this act, shall deliver to such person or persons chargeable with the same, thirty days notice previous to the levying such execution or distress, an account written in words in full length of the taxes, public dues, or officers fees demanded of him her or them. And be it enacted, That the said securities, or the person or persons authorised to make the collections aforesaid, before he or they derive any benefit from this act, shall lodge the books containing the collection dues aforesaid in the office of the clerk for Somerset county, to be open for the inspection of all persons interested therein.

The bill to confirm and make valid the acts and proceedings of James Houston as a justice of the peace for Caroline county, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise John Cole, late sheriff and collector of Saint Mary's county, to complete his collections; a bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of real and personal property in Montgomery county; and a bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of real and personal property in the several counties therein mentioned; which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Union Insurance Company of Maryland, was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Gale, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following as amendment to said bill? Amendment proposed. In the 3rd line first section strike out the word "forty" and insert "thirty seven." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Taney, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment to said bill? After the word "thereafter" 4th line same section insert "unless the same shall before that time be repealed by law."

On motion of Mr. Howard to amend the same, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment to the said amendment? "Provided that no such repeal shall go to affect any policy that may be made, or any contracts already in existence at the time of said repeal." Resolved in affirmative.

The question was then put, Will the senate receive the said amendment as amended? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Gale, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment to said bill? At the end of the bill add, "And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the legislature of this state from hereafter imposing a tax on said institution, not exceeding twenty cents per annum, on each hundred dollars of their actual capital."

On motion of Mr. Maxcy, to amend the said amendment, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment to the said amendment? "Provided always, that the said tax, when imposed, shall be pledged as a fund for the encouragement of literature and science, in such manner as may be deemed expedient by the legislature." Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Will the senate assent to the amendment as moved by Mr. Gale? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr. President, Messrs. Carmichael, Cresap, Emerson, Gale, Hollyday, Hughlett, Taney and West.—9.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Harper, Howard, Jackson, Maxcy and Parnham.—5.

Determined in the affirmative.

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.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 28, 1820.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill for the relief of the infant children of Levin H. Campbell, late of Dorchester county, was read the third time and will pass.

The bill to confirm and make valid the acts and proceedings of the commissioners of the town of Princess-Anne, in Somerset county, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. At the end of the bill add, "And be it enacted, That the election for commissioners of the town of Princess-Anne, made subsequent to the month of April, be as valid as if the same had been made in the month of April, and that all the immunities and privileges which have been granted the said commissioners by a law passed December session 1815, be and are continued."

The resolution directing the United States department to be furnished with the laws of Maryland, was read the third time and assented to, with the proposed amendments. Amendments proposed. 1st. In the title insert after the word "directing" the word "that." 2nd. Strike out in the title the words "United States." 3rd. In the title insert after the word "department" the words "of State of the United States."

The resolution in favour of Thomas Loveday, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and dissented from.

Mr. Cresap from the committee reported a bill, entitled, An act to prohibit the pernicious practice of cock-fighting and gaming within this state, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gale from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Marine Insurance Company, reported the same with sundry amendments.

The bill was then read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Gale, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following as amendments to said bill? Amendments proposed. 1st. At the end of the preamble add the word "therefore." 2nd. Strike out the word "therefore" 1st line 1st section of the bill. 3rd. Strike out "1840" in the 3rd line 1st section and insert "1839." 4th. After the word "thereafter" in the 4th line of the same section insert "unless the same shall before that time be repealed by law; provided that no such repeal shall go to affect any policy that may be made or any contract already in existence at