

On motion of Mr. Harper, the question was put, Will the senate reconsider the message of yesterday relative to the appointment of a senator of the United States? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Will the senate assent to the same? Determined in the negative.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 21, 1820.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

Experience has taught us that it is difficult to retain a quorum during the christmas week. We therefore propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to adjourn from Saturday next until Wednesday following; it would be a great convenience to most of the members, and we trust not detrimental to the interest of the state.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Which was read.

Also a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the destruction of oysters in this state; a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the establishment of an additional warehouse in the city of Baltimore for the inspection of tobacco; a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Theophilus Russell of Kent county, and Ann his wife; a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the payment of the jurors of Prince-George's county; and a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to repeal part of an act therein mentioned, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass.

The bill to alter and change the time of holding the levy court in Dorchester county, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and postponed for further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Carroll, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to the police of the city of Baltimore. Ordered, That Messrs. Carroll, Emerson, and Cresap, bring in the same.

The bill to prevent the destruction of oysters in this state, was read the second time by special order and laid on the table.

The bill to authorise the establishment of an additional warehouse in the city of Baltimore for the inspection of tobacco, was read the second and third time by special order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act passed at December session eighteen hundred and sixteen, for the benefit of the securities of Thomas Thompson, collector of Dorchester county, deceased, was read the second time and laid on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates, delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the sale of the real estate of Leonard Covington, deceased; a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John King, and certain other securities of William S. Handy, late collector of Somerset county; and a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Walter Williams, and Elizabeth Ann Williams, formerly Elizabeth Ann Tilden, of the city of Baltimore; which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the benefit of Thomas Ennalls Price, of Talbot county, was read the second time and laid on the table.

Mr. Carroll presented the petition of the president and directors of the Baltimore Fire Insurance Company, praying for a continuance and renewal of its charter; which was referred to Messrs. Carroll, Harper and Parnham, to report thereon.

Mr. Harper from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the benefit of James Scott, of Allegany county, reported the same with sundry amendments; which were adopted.

The bill was then read the third time and the question put, Shall the bill as amended pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Mr. President, Messrs. Carroll, Cresap, Emerson, Harper, Jackson, Magruder.—7.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Gale, Parnham, Taney, West.—4.

Determined in the affirmative.

Amendments proposed. 1st. After the title insert the following preamble: Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that Edward M. Carty, residing on the river Potomac, in the county of Hampshire, and state of Virginia, about fifteen miles from Cumberland in Allegany county, in this state, now holds, and for several years last past has held and owned, a negro woman slave named Susan, of the age of about twenty-five years, with her two male children, one named Nathaniel, about four years old, and the other named Thornton, about two years old, and is and for a considerable time has been desirous of selling the said slaves; and that James Scott of Cumberland aforesaid, who is an intimate friend and connexion by marriage of the said Edward M. Carty, is desirous of purchasing the said slaves for his own use, and has actually contracted with the said Edward M. Carty for their purchase, provided permission can be obtained from the legislature of this state for their introduction. And whereas it appears to the satisfaction of the general assembly, that the said representation is true, and also that the said woman Susan is desirous of being sold with her said children to the said James Scott, who has petitioned the general assembly for an act granting permission to introduce her and her children into this state; the prayer of which petition, under these special circumstances is reasonable and ought to be granted, therefore." 2d. Insert the words "the said" after the word "that" and before the word "James" 1st line enacting clause. 3rd. Strike out the words "of Allegany county" 2d line same clause. 4th line 3rd line same clause strike out the letter "a" between the words "strike" and "negro" and insert the words "the said." 5th. Strike out the words "aged about twenty-five years" beginning of the 4th line same clause. 6th. After the word "children" 4th line same clause insert the word "aforesaid," and strike out from thence to the word "provided" 6th line same clause. 7th. Strike out the word "Nathaniel" 7th line and insert "Nathaniel."

The bill for the relief of John King, and certain other securities of William S. Handy, late collector of Somerset county, was read the second time and laid on the table.

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