

The senate resumed the consideration of the bill to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the council, and to the appointment of certain officers, and on motion of Mr. Gale to strike out from the word "appoint" 1st sec to the end thereof, the words "the chancellor and all judges, the justices of the peace, the judges of the levy courts, the attorney general, the officers of the militia, all registers of the land office, surveyors and all other civil offices of the government, (sheriffs, registers of wills, assessors, overseers of the roads, and constables, only excepted,) and shall also, without such advice or consent, remove any civil officer whose commission is not during good behaviour, and suspend any militia officer for one month, and remove or suspend for any length of time any militia officer in pursuance of the judgment of a court martial," for the purpose of inserting the following: "all civil officers who hold their commission during good behaviour, and also all general and field officers of the militia." The question was put, Will the senate strike out for the purpose of inserting? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Mr. Gale.—1.

NEGATIVE.—Mr. President, Messrs. Carmichael, Carroll, Cresap, Emerson, Harper, Holliday, Hughlett, Jackson, Magruder, Maxcy, Parnham.—12.

Determined in the negative.

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

FRIDAY, January 19, 1821.

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

The bill for the benefit of the Bank of Caroline; the bill relating to the school fund for the city of Baltimore; the bill for the benefit of Martin Fenwick; the supplement to the act incorporating the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore; the bill to annul the marriage of Joseph Price, and Sarah his wife; the supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for completing an Episcopal Church in Baltimore county; and the bill for the benefit of Saint John's College, were sent to the house of delegates.

The bill to provide for the repairs of the court house in Prince-George's county, was read the third time and will pass with the proposed amendment: Amendment proposed. "And be it enacted, that the said justices be and they are hereby authorized and required, to appoint commissioners to contract for and superintend such repairs as the said justices may deem necessary, and the money necessary for such repairs shall be collected in the same manner as the county assessment, and shall be paid by the sheriff or collector of said county, to the order of the said justices, or a majority of them." Sent to the house of delegates.

Mr. Carroll from the committee reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the executors of Joseph Thornburgh, of Baltimore county; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

The bill for the relief of the Cumberland Bank of Allegany, was read the second time by special order and laid on the table.

The resolution in favour of Dr. Colin M. Kenzie, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and assented from. Sent to the house of delegates.

The bill to facilitate the collection of the county charges in Dorchester county, was read the second time and laid on the table.

The bill authorising the levy court of Prince-George's county to levy a sum of money for purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and laid on the table.

The bill to discourage the vice of drunkenness, by preventing the recovery of small debts contracted for ardent spirits, or spirituous liquors, was read the second time by special order and laid on the table.

The bill to provide for the payment of the jurors in Prince George's county, was read the third time and will pass. Sent to the house of delegates.

The senate resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday. On motion of Mr. Gale, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment. After the 1st section insert, "And be it enacted, That in case any vacancy shall happen in any of the offices aforesaid, either by death, resignation, disqualification, removal out of the state, or from office, in the recess of the general assembly, the governor may appoint and commission a fit and proper person to such vacant office, to hold the same until the meeting of the general assembly, and until the senate shall have refused to concur in the same. And be it enacted, That in case of the death, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of the state, of the governor, in the recess of the general assembly, the president of the senate for the time being, shall act as governor, until the next meeting of the general assembly, and until a governor shall be appointed, and shall have the like privileges, power and authority. And be it enacted, That the governor for the time being shall have power and authority to appoint a secretary, to hold his appointment during the pleasure of the governor." Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Harper, the question was then put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment. At the end of the bill add—"Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to annul, vacate or affect, any commission in existence at the time when this act shall be so confirmed." Determined in the affirmative.

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

AFFIRMATIVE.—Mr. President, Messrs. Carmichael, Carroll, Cresap, Emerson, Gale, Harper, Holliday, Hughlett, Jackson, Magruder, Maxcy, Parnham, West.—14.

Determined unanimously in the affirmative.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 19, 1821.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to proceed this day at 12 o'clock to the appointment of registers of wills for Anne-Arundel, Kent and Somerset counties. Thomas H. Hall is nominated for Anne-Arundel county; Cuthbert Hall and William Knight for Kent county; James Polk and John H. Anderson for Somerset county. We have appointed Messrs. Marriott and Wright, on the