

general, assisting attorney general, or district attorneys, as the case may be, be instructed and required, and they hereby are instructed and required, to appear to such suit or suits on behalf of the state, or any of its officers, as the case may be, and bring the same to as speedy a conclusion as possible, consistently with a fair trial of the question hereby submitted to judicial decision.

The senate adjourns until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

### MONDAY, January 22, 1821.

The senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Carroll. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. Taney appeared in the senate.

The bill for the relief of Otho Sprigg, of Frederick county, was sent to the house of delegates.

The bill to alter, change and repeal, all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the division of Queen Anne's county into election districts, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass. Sent to the house of delegates.

The bill for draining a branch on Chester river, commonly called and known by the name of The Unicorn Branch, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass with the proposed amendment. Amendment proposed: In the 1st sec. 5th line strike out from the word "the" to the word "to" in 7th line, and insert "farm formerly the estate of the late Aaron Merchant to the lands of Aquilla Fogwell" Sent to the house of delegates.

The bill to protect the navigation of Chester river, was read the third time and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates.

The bill to facilitate the collection of the county charges in Dorchester county, was read the third time and postponed for further consideration.

The bill for the relief of poor and distressed families in cases of execution for debt and distress for rent, was read the second time and laid on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act respecting an application for a road in Baltimore county court by Thomas Owings; a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act for the erection of a new court house in Washington county; and a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Basil Spalding, of Charles county; which were read the first time and laid on the table. And returns the bill for the benefit of Martin Fenwick, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill for the relief of Benjamin Rawlings; the bill for the relief of Ernest Voight; and the bill for the relief of Peter Ulrich, of the city of Baltimore. with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 20, 1821.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*

We return to your honourable body three bills—one for the relief of Peter Ulrich, one for the relief of Ernest Voight, and one for the relief of Benjamin Rawlings, all of the city of Baltimore, wherein you have omitted to insert the words "or commissioners" in your amendments thereto; we therefore hope you will reconsider your amendments for the purpose of inserting the words "or commissioners."

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Which was read.

The bill to confirm an act to repeal all that part of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Washington county into five separate election districts, and for other purposes, passed the last session, was read the third time and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates.

The bill for the relief of Thomas Harris, of Frederick county, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates.

The bill for the relief of Willoughby Maybury, of Frederick county, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. Harper, to reconsider the amendments to the bill for the relief of Ernest Voight of the city of Baltimore, the question was put, Will the senate reconsider the said amendments? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment to said amendments. Amendment proposed: Insert after the word "court" 3d amendment, the words "or commissioners." Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill and amendments as amended returned to the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. Harper, the amendments to the bill for the relief of Peter Ulrich were reconsidered, and the question put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment to said amendments? Amendment proposed: Insert in the 3d amendment after the word "court" the words "or commissioners." Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill and amendments as amended, returned to the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. Harper, the amendments to the bill for the relief of Benjamin Rawlings, of the city of Baltimore, were reconsidered, and the question put, Will the senate receive the following amendment to said amendments? Amendment proposed: After the word "court" 2d line insert the words "or commissioners." Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill and amendments as amended, returned to the house of delegates.

The bill to lay out and open a road from the Conowingo bridge in Cecil county, to the Pennsylvania line, was read the third time and postponed for further consideration.

Mr. Maxcy presents the petition of Hezekiah Niles, praying the passage of an act to authorise him to dispose of certain sets of his Weekly Register, and copies of the revolutionary papers, by way of a distribution of prizes; which was read and referred to Messrs. Maxcy, Carroll and Jackson, to report thereon.

The bill authorising the levy court of Prince-George's county to levy a sum of money for purposes therein mentioned, was read the third time and will pass with the proposed amendment. Amendment proposed. After the word "wharf" 5th line 1st sec. add the words "at or near the town of Upper Marlbro."

Mr. Maxcy presents the petition of Samuel Jones, praying for a law to release to him any right which the state may have to certain lands as excheated; which was read and referred to Messrs. Maxcy, Carmichael and Holliday, to report thereon.