

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1822

The Senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday except Mr Chambers. The proceedings of yesterday were read

The bill annulling the marriage of William Smith and Sarah his wife, of Calvert county; the bill annulling the marriage of Thomas Knock and Margaret his wife of Baltimore county; the bill for the relief of Jacob Snelhorn of Allegany county, and the communication from the President of the Baltimore and Reister's town road company, were sent to the house of delegates

The resolution relating to the loan to the Potomac company, was read a second time and referred to Messrs Price, Bowie, Johnson, M'Kim and Wootton.

The bill relating to the payment of Pensions granted by this state, was read a second time and laid on the table.

The further additional supplement to the act concerning crimes and punishments, was read a second time and laid on the table.

The supplement to the act to lay out and straighten a certain road in Baltimore county, passed at December session, 1803, chap 14, was read a third time, passed and sent to the house of delegates.

The further supplement to the act to prevent the inconveniences arising from slaves being permitted to act as free, was read a third time, passed and sent to the house of delegates.

The further supplement to the act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein mentioned, was read a second and by special order a third time, passed and sent to the house of delegates.

On motion by Mr Johnson, Leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act concerning the Chancery court, and it was ordered that Messrs Johnson, Bowie and Miller be a committee to bring in the same

Mr Bowie from the committee to whom was referred, the supplement to the act to provide for the erection of an additional wharf in the town of Nottingham in Prince George's county, reported the same with sundry amendments; which amendments were read the first and by special order a second and third time and assented to and the bill being read a third time will pass with the proposed amendments. Amendments proposed 1st. After the words 'required to' in the 3rd line of the first enacting clause, insert 'levy on the assessable property of Prince George's county, and.' 2nd. After the word 'Nottingham' in the 6th line, strike out all that follows and insert the following: PROVIDED, the said levy court before they proceed to levy and pay to the said William Strickland, the said sum or any part of it, shall be satisfied that the sum for which the said William Strickland has already contracted to build the said additional wharf is insufficient to enable him to complete the said wharf in the manner directed by the act to which this is a supplement.

The bill to establish the pay of Jurors and witnesses in Saint Mary's county, was read the second and by special order a third time, passed and sent to the house of delegates

The further supplement to the act relating to the public roads in the several counties therein mentioned, was read the second and by special order, the third time, passed and sent to the house of delegates.

The resolution in favor of William S. Handy's securities, was read a third time by special order, assented to and sent to the house of delegates.

Mr Price from the committee to whom was referred the resolution relating to the loan to the Potomac company reported that the committee had the same under consideration and beg leave to offer the following as a substitute for the said resolution, viz. WHEREAS by a resolution passed at December session 1818, the term of payment of the loan of thirty thousand dollars due this state from the Potomac company on the first day of Jan, 1819 was extended to the 1st day of December 1821, on condition that the President and directors of said company should pay to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, on or before the first day of July 1819, the interest due on said loan; and the President and directors aforesaid not having complied with said resolution. And whereas, this state holds a large amount of stock in said company, Therefore, resolved, that the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and required to communicate with the said President and directors concerning the situation and circumstances of the said company and of their views and prospects, and the application of the yearly profits (if any) of said stock; and the governor and council are hereby required to lay the information so collected before the next General Assembly of this state.

Mr Claude moved to amend the substitute by striking out from the first word of the Preamble for the purpose of inserting the following; 'by a resolution passed December session 1818, the term of payment of the loan of thirty thousand dollars due this state from the Potomac company, on the 1st day of January 1819, was extended to the 1st day of December 1821, on consideration that the President and directors of said company pay to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, on or before the 1st day of July 1819, the interest due on said loan; and whereas, it appears that the President & directors of the Potomac company, have entirely neglected to comply with the resolution: Therefore, resolved, that the governor and council be, and they are hereby authorized and required to inquire into the causes why the interest on the loan to the Potomac company has not been paid; and if the reasons assigned by the company shall not appear to them satisfactory, they are hereby requested to take such measures as they may deem proper and necessary for the recovery and punctual payment of the interest due and arising on the said loan of thirty thousand dollars, due by the President and directors of the Potomac company.'

Mr Bowie moved for a division of the question, and the question was put, will the senate strike out the substitute as proposed. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Stuart (President,) Brownley, Claude, Dickinson, M'Kim, Miller and Orreil—7.