

tion, viz. 'between the time of the death, resignation, or other circumstance occasioning a' for the purpose of inserting the words "during such." 2nd strike out the following words, commencing in the 10th line of the same section, "in said office, and the qualification of a successor;" which amendments were read and assented to, and the bill being read a second time, as amended, the question was put, Shall this bill and amendments be engrossed for a third reading? Determined in the affirmative.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a resolution in favour of Roger Hooper; which was read the first time and laid on the table. Also a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for completing an Episcopal church in Baltimore county, was read the first time, and referred to Messrs. Chambers, Johnson, Brownley, Bowie and Claude.

On motion, Ordered, that Messrs. Chambers, Johnson, Brownley, Bowie and Claude, be a committee to consider and report upon all bills, resolutions, or other proposition relative to the revenue of the state.

Mr. Brownly presented the petition of the justices of the orphans court of Harford county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Brownley, Miller and Price.

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

TUESDAY, January 7, 1823.

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

The senate resumed the consideration of the bill to alter and change such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state, as require the officers thereof to subscribe a declaration of belief in the christian religion, being the order of the day, Mr. Chambers moved to strike out the following words, being the first section of the bill: "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state, as require all officers of profit or trust, before entering on the execution of the duties of their offices, to subscribe a declaration of belief in the christian religion, be and the same are hereby repealed." And after some debate, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

The bill for the relief of Priscilla Grover and her two idiot sons, of Calvert county, was read a third time by special order and will pass.

The supplement to the act to provide for the recording of certain deeds, and other papers, was read a third time and will pass.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 7, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*,—We return you the bill for the benefit of Thomas Ruby, of Allegany county, and hope upon reconsideration you will pass the same.

Which was read.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

Also the following message:

BY THE HOUSE DELEGATES, January 7, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—This house having refused to concur in the 3d section of the bill sent from your honorable body, entitled, A supplement to the act entitled, An act relating to insolvent debtors in the city and county of Baltimore, we would respectfully ask a reconsideration from you, of such special acts of insolvency as may have been from this house sent in behalf of persons applying for the benefit of the insolvent laws, without having resided two years in the state previous to their application.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Which was read. Also the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 7, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We have received your message, proposing to invite his excellency the governor into the senate chamber on next Saturday, at 5 o'clock, P. M. to sign such of the bills passed during the present session, as may be prepared for his signature, and concur therewith.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Which was read,

And returns the bill entitled, A supplement to the act relating to insolvent debtors in the city and county of Baltimore, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read and assented to. Also the bill for the benefit of Thomas Ruby, of Allegany county; which was read; and the question was put, shall the bill pass? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Chambers submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE, Jan. 7, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—The senate have received your message, and the bill for the benefit of Thomas Ruby. The senate have, on reconsideration, felt themselves obliged to adhere to their former opinion, and have again rejected the bill. They have been influenced solely by the fact, that the woman mentioned in the bill had acquired a perfect right to her freedom by her removal into this state by a citizen thereof, without the observance of the conditions on which the introduction of a negro is authorised.

Which was read

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

Also the bill for the relief of George Noble, of the city of Baltimore, and the bill for the benefit of James B. M'Kawn of the city of Baltimore; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Also the bill entitled, A further additional supplement to the act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of ex: