

for the support of the travelling and superannuated and other indigent preachers of said society; which amendment was read and assented to, and the bill being read a second time; was ordered be engrossed for a third reading.

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.

The motion before the senate being, to strike out the first section of the bill. After considerable debate, the question was put Will the senate strike out the first section of the bill? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Bowie, Brownley, Chambers, Cockey, Kent, Quinton.—6.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Stuart, Prest. Claude, Dickinson, Johnson, Miller, Orrell, Price.—7.

Mr. Johnson offered the following as an amendment to the bill: "Section 2d. And be it enacted, That every person appointed to any office of profit or trust under this state, shall, before he enters on the execution thereof, instead of the declaration in the christian religion now required, subscribe a declaration of belief in a future state of rewards and punishments;" which was read.

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

THURSDAY, January 9, 1823.

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

The bill to incorporate the first Hager's-Town Hose Company, was sent to the house of delegates.

The bill to incorporate a Benevolent Society in the town of Hager's-Town, was read a third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

The resolution in favor of Roger Hooper, was, on motion by Mr. Price, referred to Messrs. Price, Quinton and Kent.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one system the laws to direct descents, was, on motion, referred to Messrs. Johnson, Quinton and Chambers.

The senate resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being 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.

Mr. Johnson moved for leave to withdraw the amendment to the bill proposed by him on yesterday; which was granted.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, the question was then put, Will the senate recommit the bill? Determined in the affirmative.

The bill to reduce the per diem of the justices of the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, and for other purposes, was referred to Messrs. Claude, Kent and Orrell.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Claude asked to be excused from serving on the committee to whom was recommitted 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; which was granted; and Messrs. Bowie and Orrell were appointed in their stead.

On motion by Mr. Miller, the consideration of the bill to alter and amend the constitution of this state, so that the governor may be elected by the people, being the order of the day, was postponed until Tuesday the 14th instant.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a resolution relative to the barracks at Frederick-Town; and a resolution in favor of the collectors of the tax; which were read the first time, and laid on the table; Also a bill for the benefit of William Martin, of Harford county; which was read the first time, and referred to Messrs. Brownley, Miller and Cockey; Also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Edward Graham of Dorchester county; which was read the first time, and referred to Messrs. Chambers, Dickinson, Miller, M'Kim and Cockey; Also a bill entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Saint Mary's county, to assess a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Bowie from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill to alter and change all 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, reported the same with the following amendment. After the word "religion," in the 5th line of the first enacting clause, insert "so far as the same relates to those persons professing the Jewish religion." Which amendment was read, and the question was put, Will the senate assent to the amendment?

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Stuart, Prest. Bowie, Dickinson, Kent—4.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Brownley, Claude, Chambers, Cockey, Johnson, Miller, Orrell, Price, Quinton—9? So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Johnson moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until Thursday next. And question was, put and determined in the negative.

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

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Claude, Johnson, Miller, Orrell, Price—5.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Stuart, Prest. Bowie, Brownley, Chambers, Cockey, Dickinson, Kent and Quinton—8? So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Claude from the committee to whom was referred the bill to reduce the per diem of the justices of the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, and for other purposes, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that the bill ought not to pass. The bill was then read a second time and laid on the table.