

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Quinton from the committee delivered the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the bill for the benefit of the heirs of Jesse H. Wainwright, late of Somerset county, beg leave to report—That they are of opinion, that the court of chancery, or the county court of Somerset as a court of chancery, have by the provisions of the act of 1816, chapter 154, full power and authority to sell the real estate referred to in the bill, and that therefore it is unnecessary to pass the said bill.

By order,

T. W. LOOCKERMAN, Com. Clk.

The bill was then read a third time, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY, 23, 1823.

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

The president laid before the senate a communication from the register of wills for Kent county, in obedience to the order of the senate of the 14th instant; which was read and laid on the table.

The bill for the benefit of William Workman, of Allegany county, was, on motion, referred to Messrs. Price, Brownley, Dickinson, Miller and Cockey.

The bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Nanticoke river, at or near Vienna, in Dorchester county, was read a second time and laid on the table.

On motion, the supplement to an act to provide for a new assessment, and to appoint collectors of the tax in and for the city and county of Baltimore, was referred to Messrs. Johnson, Brownley and Winder.

Mr. Johnson presented the memorial of the stockholders of the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, praying to be released from the payment of a portion of the school fund now paid by them which was read and referred to Messrs. Johnson, Brownley and Dickinson.

The act to prevent the erection of booths within two miles of any Methodist camp or quarterly meeting, in Baltimore county, was read a second time and laid on the table.

The bill authorising the establishment of a ferry over the Potomac river, from the lands of George Lafever, in Washington county, opposite to the place called the Falling Waters, in Virginia, was read a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

The supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the managers of Back Creek School, was read a third time, amended, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill to alter and change a road in the village of Denton, in Caroline county, was read a third time, and will not pass, and was sent to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act respecting certain land certificates; a bill, entitled, An act to prevent trespasses in Allegany county; and a bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of the real and personal property in Somerset county; which were read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Johnson from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the stockholders of the Mechanics' Bank of Baltimore, reported a bill, entitled, An act relating to the Mechanics' Bank of Baltimore.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled, An act to extend to the citizens of Maryland the same civil rights and religious privileges that are enjoyed under the constitution of the United States; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

The senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, An act to amend the constitution of this state, so that the governor may be elected by the people. On motion, the question was put, will the senate receive the following as an amendment? viz. Strike out the following words commencing in the 1st line of the 2d section, "alternately from the western and eastern shores." Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was then put, "will the senate receive the following as an amendment," viz: Strike out the following words, commencing in the 18th line of the 2d section, "no choice or election shall be considered as having been made, and the said president shall announce the number of votes given to each person voted for; and thereupon the choice of which of the persons so voted for by the people to be governor shall forthwith be made by a joint ballot of both branches of the general assembly." For the purpose of inserting the following:

"Both branches of the legislature shall elect the governor by joint ballot, out of the four persons having the highest number of votes given as aforesaid, if so many shall have been voted for; but if otherwise, out of the number voted for, and the person receiving a majority of all the votes in the said joint ballot shall be the governor." Determined in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, will the senate receive the following as an amendment? viz: After the word "of" in the 23d line of the 2d section, insert the words "all the." Determined in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, will the senate receive the following as an amendment? viz: After the word "of" in the 25th line of the same section insert the words "all the." On motion, the question was put, will the senate receive the following as an amendment? viz: Strike out from the word "and" in the 25th line of the second section to the word "prescribed" in the 29th line of the same section? Determined in the affirmative.

On motion the question was put, will the senate receive the following as an amendment? viz: In the first line of the 10th section strike out the word "the" Determined in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, will the senate receive the following as an amendment? viz: In the 1st line of the 10th section after the word "death" insert the word "or?" Determined in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, will the senate receive the following as an amendment? viz: