

Amendment proposed. At the end of the bill insert, "provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorise a sale of said slave, within three years after his importation aforesaid, otherwise than by bequest, in a course of distribution, or by operation of law, and that said slave be registered in the clerk's office of Anne Arundel county court, within three months after the arrival of such slave in this state."

The resolution in favor of Thomas Wright, and others, was on motion, referred to Messrs. Miller, Johnson and Orrell.

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

FRIDAY, February 14, 1823.

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

The bill for the benefit of Colonel Roger Jones of the United States army, was sent to the house of delegates.

The bill for the benefit of William A. Speck, of the city of Baltimore, was read a second time and laid on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list, and other expenses of civil government; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Bowie, Orrell and Cockey.

The clerk of the council delivered the following communication:

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Annapolis, February 13, 1823.

GENTLEMEN,

I transmit to the general assembly a letter from the honorable Samuel Smith, one of our senators in congress, acknowledging the receipt of the resolution adopted by that honourable body, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, respecting internal improvements. Together with a letter from his excellency the governor of Georgia, enclosing resolutions adopted by the legislature of that state, on the subject of an amendment proposed by the state of Pennsylvania to the constitution of the United States. Also a copy of a scheme of a lottery adopted by our commissioners.

I have the honour to be, with great respect, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL STEVENS, Jr.

The honourable the President of the senate, and The honourable the Speaker of the house of delegates.

Which was read; and with the accompanying documents, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The supplement to the act to regulate and discipline of the militia of this state, was read a second time and referred to Messrs. Miller, Bowie and Cockey.

Mr. Bowie from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the benefit of Elizabeth A. Lowndes, of Prince-George's county, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass. Which report was concurred in:

The bill was then read a third time and laid on the table.

Mr. Miller from the committee to whom was referred the resolution in favour of Thomas Wright, and others, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass. Which report was concurred in.

The resolution was then read a second and third time by special order, amended, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a resolution relative to state debtors; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

A resolution relative to certain records, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Johnson, Bowie and Orrell.

And a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the First Independent Church, of Baltimore; which was read and referred to Messrs. Johnson, Bowie, Kent, Claude and Dickinson.

The bill for the benefit of John Norris, of Anne-Arundel county, was read a second, and by special order a third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

Mr. Johnson submitted the following report: which was read.

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the First Independent Church of Baltimore, ask leave to report—

That they have given the same an attentive consideration, and are of opinion it ought to pass.

On information obtained from the lottery commissioners, they believe the lottery authorised by this bill, will not interfere with those of the state, there being good reasons for believing that nearly all the tickets will be sold out of Maryland.

In making this report, the committee do not wish to be considered opposed to state lotteries, so far from it, they would recommend a fair trial of the system, thinking it may be made a valuable source of revenue.

The commissioners have, as yet, proposed only a small scheme. the tickets of which they have, as yet disposed of with great facility, and from that scheme they expect to pay into the treasury, early in the spring, seven thousand dollars. When private lotteries cease entirely, there is every reason for believing that the state will derive fifteen or twenty thousand dollars annually from this system.

The inducement, therefore, with your committee, for thinking favourably of the bill reserved to them, is exclusively (as stated before) that it will not interfere with the system.

Which was read. By order,

T, W. LOCKERMAN, Com. Clk.