

act to ascertain the allowance to sheriffs for keeping prisoners in jail, charged with criminal offences, and finding them victuals, in the several counties therein mentioned, was read a second time and laid on the table. The bill to authorise the several levy courts in this state to recover from delinquent supervisors and other debtors any sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars, which may be due to their respective counties, as other debts are recoverable by individuals out of court, was read a second time and laid on the table. The bill to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly of this state, and for other purposes, was read a third time, and the question was put, "shall the bill pass?" The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE—Mr. Stuart, (President) Messrs Bowie, Brownley, Cockey, Kent, Miller, Orrell, Quinton, Winder—9.

NEGATIVE—None. So it was determined unanimously in the affirmative, and it was sent to the house of delegates. The bill to authorise the levy court of Somerset county to provide an office for the clerk of said county, was read a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates. The bill to confirm the proceedings of certain commissioners therein mentioned, was read a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Winder submitted the following resolution; which was read and assented to.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore report to the senate what proportion of the balance of \$21,631 22 cents, stated in his report to remain unpaid of the appropriation for half pay to officers and soldiers existed on the 1st December 1822, with a list of the pensioners to whom payment has not been made, and the amount due to each, and how many installments remain unpaid to each of said pensioners.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a resolution relative to members absenting themselves without leave; which was read the first and by special order a second and third time, amended, passed with the proposed amendment, and returned to the house of delegates. Amendment proposed. After the word "member" in the first line, insert of the house of delegates. Also a bill for the benefit of Nancy Paul, of Dorchester county; which was read the first time and laid on the table. The senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 1823,

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

On motion Messrs Cockey and Orrell were excused from serving on the committee respecting the Susquehanna canal, and Messrs Miller and Brownley appointed in their stead.

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of George W. Neale of Charles county, and for other purposes, was read a second time and referred to Messrs Winder, Orrell and Bowie.

The bill entitled an act for the destruction of Panthers in Allegany county, was read a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates. The bill entitled, an act to repeal the laws now in force for the destruction of crows in Caroline county, was read a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates. The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Catherine Wager and Jane B. Wager was read a second and third time by special order, passed and returned to the house of delegates. The bill entitled, an act to revive an act entitled, an act for the preservation of wild deer in Somerset and Dorchester counties, so far as relates to Dorchester county, was read a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the bill entitled, an act to confirm and make valid the acts and proceedings of Walter M. Miller as a justice of the peace for Charles county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs Quinton, Kent and Miller. Also a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Margaret Tippet of Saint Mary's county; which was read the first time and laid on the table. Also a bill entitled, an act authorising and requiring the levy court of Frederick county to provide a suitable room for holding the orphans court of said county and safe keeping of the records and papers of said court; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Winder of the committee to whom was referred the bill entitled, an act for the relief of Michael Riddlemoser of the city of Baltimore, reported that they had considered the same, and are of opinion it ought not to pass. The bill was read a third time and will not pass, and was sent to the house of delegates.

On motion Mr. Chambers obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, an act to confirm an act passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty two, entitled, an act to alter and change all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the oaths to be taken by the members of the senate and house of delegates and all other officers therein mentioned; which was referred to Messrs Chambers, Cockey and Brownley to bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Bowie the following message was read, adopted and sent to the house of delegates:

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 17, 1823.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates—We agree to your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee to enquire into the propriety of reorganising the penitentiary institution, and have appointed Messrs Bowie, Dickenson and Winder on the part of the senate, to confer with the gentlemen named in your message. By order, W. KILTY, Clk.

The resolutions relative to congressional caucus, being the order of the day were called up, when on motion the following amendments were made; strike out the 4th section of the preamble, viz. "The legislature of Maryland are not disposed to deny that when the constitution is in danger, when an administration approved by a majority of the people, when any princi-