

Mr. Quinton from the committee to whom was referred the bill to authorise John C. Wederstrandt, to remove certain negroes into this state; reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass.

The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed and returned to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Johnson presented the memorial of George Campbill and others, creditors of Richard Batturs, counter to the petition of Batturs, praying for a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs. Johnson, Miller, Claude, Orrell and Quinton.

The clerk of the House of Delegates delivered a bill, entitled, an act to repeal an act, for the destruction of crows in Calvert county; which was read the first time, and laid on the table.

Also, a bill entitled an act, authorising Abraham Sampson, Jr. of Baltimore county, to remove a certain negro into this state; which was read the first time, and referred to Messrs. Quinton, Kent and Bowie.

Mr. Johnson from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Owen, of Baltimore, praying for a special act of insolvency, reported a bill entitled an act, for the benefit of William Owen of Baltimore; which was read the first time, and laid on the table.

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

FRIDAY, January 2, 1823.

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

Mr. Quinton from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the benefit of Stephen Purnell, of Worcester county, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass, with the following amendment, viz. After the title of the bill, strike out all that follows, and insert in lieu thereof, the following:—

“Whereas it has been represented to this General Assembly, by the petition of Stephen Purnell, of Worcester county, that he became the purchaser of three fourths of a house and lot, No. 33., lying and being in Snow Hill, in said county, and of a tract of land called “Lendsig’s Disappointment,” also lying and being in said county, sold by order of the court of said county, and that in pursuance of said order, Thomas N. Williams, George Hayward, Littleton Quinton, Robert J. H. Handy, and Mitchell Gray, Esqrs. were appointed commissioners to sell and convey the same, and that since that time, Robert J. H. Handy and Mitchell Gray, have died, and that Littleton Quinton has removed to some one of the western states, and is supposed to be alive, in consequence of which, doubts have arisen as to the validity of a deed from the surviving commissioners residing in this state; therefore be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Thomas N. Williams and George Hayward, or either of them, and in case of their death such person or persons as the county court of Worcester county may appoint, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to execute a good and valid deed to said Stephen Purnell, for the lot of ground and tract of land in the preamble mentioned. Which amendment was read and assented to. The bill was then read a third time as amended, passed and returned to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Dickinson from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the benefit of the children of Thomas Robinson, of Talbot 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 second, and by special order a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates. The bill to alter the time of holding the county courts in the several counties therein mentioned; was read a second time and referred to Messrs. Bowie, Quinton and Kent. The bill to abolish an useless expense attending jury trials, was read a second time and referred to Messrs. Price, Cockey and Orrell.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled, an act for the relief of Mary Smith, of the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time, and referred to Messrs. Chambers, Cockey and Claude.

Mr. Quinton from the committee to whom was referred the bill to confirm and make valid the acts and proceedings of Walter M. Miller, as a justice of the peace for Charles 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 second, and by special order a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Quinton from the same committee to whom was referred the bill to confirm and make valid certain acts and proceedings of William F. Gleaves, as a justice of the peace for Kent 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 second, and by special order a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

On motion by Mr. Orrell, leave was given to bring in a bill, to be entitled, “an act to repeal all such parts of the several acts of assembly as prohibits the importation of slaves into this state, and it was ordered that Messrs. Orrell, Price and Johnson, should be a committee to prepare and report the same.

The resolution in favor of John Carter, was read a second time, and referred to Messrs. Bowie, Brownley and Orrell.

Mr. Orrell from the committee reported a bill, entitled, an act to repeal all such parts of the acts of assembly as prohibit the importation of slaves into this state; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

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