

under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought not to pass. The bill was then read a second time and laid on the table.

The supplement to the act to encourage the destruction of Crows in the several counties therein mentioned; was read a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

On motion the consideration of the bill to tax certain offices being the order of the day was postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Hillary B. Stringer, of North Hampton county, in the state of Virginia, reported the same with the following amendments, viz: 1st. Strike out the word "from," in the third line of the preamble, and insert "of." 2d. Insert at the end of the bill the following proviso: "and provided also, that the said Stringer comply with all the other terms and conditions of said insolvent laws." Which amendments were read and assented to. The bill was then read as amended a second, and by special order a third time; passed with the proposed amendments, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Quinton delivered the following report; which was read and concurred in. The committee to whom was referred the bill entitled, "An additional supplement to the act entitled, an act authorising Henry Vernon Somerville, to remove certain negroes into the state of Maryland;" the bill entitled, "An act authorizing Abraham Sampson, Junior, of Baltimore county to remove a certain negro into this state;" the bill entitled, "An act to authorize Charles G. Robb, of the city of Baltimore, to remove a certain female slave into this state;" and the bill entitled, "An act to authorize George Mason to remove certain slaves into this state;" beg leave to report—

That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion they ought not to pass, ample provision having been made on this subject by a bill of a general nature which has recently passed both branches of the legislature.

The said bills were then severally read a second and third time, rejected and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill for the relief of Uriah Blackburn, of Cecil county, with the amendments thereto as proposed by the committee, were read, and the question was put, will the senate assent to the amendments as proposed by the committee; determined in the affirmative. The bill was then read as amended a third time, and the question was put, "shall the bill as amended pass;" determined in the affirmative, and it was returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Chambers having been previously excused from voting on the said bill and amendments Mr. Johnson from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Joseph Natoli, of the city of Baltimore, 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 third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled, an act for the benefit of Joseph Harris, clerk of Saint Mary's county; which was read the first time, and laid on the table.

Mr. Johnson from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Isaac Lyon of Frederick county, 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, and will pass.

Mr. Chambers from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Mary Smith, of the city of Baltimore, reported the same with the following amendments, viz:

Amendments proposed. 1st. Strike out from the word "that" in the first line, first section down to the word "provided," in the 14th line of the 2nd section, and insert in lieu thereof, the following: "John Smith shall from the passage of this act, be, and he is hereby altogether deprived of all and every interest, authority, power and controul in, over and to the person of Mary Smith, his wife, as fully as if she had never been married. 2nd. "And be it enacted That the said Mary Smith shall be, and she is hereby declared to be vested with the title to all and every kind of property, real, personal and mixed, now in her possession, in as full and ample a manner as if she were and always had been a feme sole; and she is hereby declared capable to have, hold, take, receive, sue for and recover by compromise, suit or suits in law or equity, property of any kind whatever, real, personal or mixed, in as full and ample a manner as if she were a feme sole, and to use and enjoy or dispose of the same at her will and pleasure and may in her own name sue and be sued, as if she were a feme sole. 3rd. After the word "Smith," in the last line of the proviso, add an additional section. "And be it enacted, that the said John Smith shall not be liable for any debts to be hereafter contracted by the said Mary Smith." Which amendments were read and assented to, and the bill being read as amended a second and by special order a third time, will pass.

Mr. Johnson from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the benefit of Simon Fraser, of the city of Baltimore, 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, and will pass.

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

THURSDAY, February 5, 1824.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Johnson. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion the bill incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, was made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion the consideration of the bill to tax certain officers being the order of the day was postponed until to-morrow.