

The bill to repeal an act relating to the removal of criminal causes in Baltimore city and county courts, passed at December session 1821, chapter 24, was read a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

On motion by Mr. Scott, Leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act to repeal and alter all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state, as relates to the removal of criminal causes in Baltimore city and county courts, and it was ordered that Messrs. Scott, Thomas and Bowie, should be a committee to prepare and report the same.

The bill to repeal an act passed at December session 1817, preventing swine and geese from going at large in the town of Rockville, in Montgomery county, and the supplement to the act relating to corners, were read a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill for the relief of Christian Brining, of Washington county, was read a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

On motion, the supplement to the act relating to the trial of causes in Baltimore county court, was referred to Messrs. Scott, Kent and Orrell.

On motion by Mr. Bowie Leave was given to bring in a bill to authorise aliens to purchase and hold real property within this state; and it was ordered that Messrs. Bowie, Chambers and Miller, should be a committee to prepare and report the same.

Mr. Cockey from the committee to whom was referred the bill to incorporate Emmitsburg in 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, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the bill to authorise the county court of Calvert county to act in the case therein mentioned, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendments, viz. 1st. In the 2d line of the first section insert the word "county" between the words "the" and "court." 2nd. In the 10th line strike out the word "them" and insert the word "him." 3d. In the 2nd section 4th line, after the word "section" strike out the rest of the section, and insert the words, "the deed intended to be executed by the said trustee, when executed shall vest in the said Thomas C. Gantt, and his heirs, all the right, title and estate, of the said minors, in and to the said lands, which descended to them upon the death of their mother, in the same manner as if the said John H. Beall and Sarah Beall, his wife, in her life time, had executed a deed of bargain and sale for the same, according to the provisions of the act of assembly in such cases made and provided;" which amendments were read and assented to. The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed with the proposed amendments, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Cockey from the committee to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Union Fire Company in Middle Town, in 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 third time by special order, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the council delivered the following communication from the executive:

IN COUNCIL, Annapolis, January 13, 1825.

To the honourable president of the senate, and the honourable speaker of the house of delegates.

Gentlemen,—We have the honour to transmit herewith a communication from the directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, accompanied by the annual abstracts of their proceedings, rendered to this department agreeably to law.

We have the honour to remain, with much respect, your obedient servant, SAMUEL STEVENS.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a resolution relative to the payment of the state debt; which was read and referred to Messrs. Chambers, Bowie, Miller, Thomas and Kent. Also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Arthur Wise, of Charles county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Bowie, Kent and Quinton. Also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John C. King, of the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Scott, Brownley, Claude, Orrell and Quinton.

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill to prevent the reclaiming of slaves who have been permitted by their owners to act as free persons, reported the same with the following amendments:

The committee to whom was recommitted a bill, entitled, "An act to prevent the reclaiming of slaves who have been permitted by their owners to act as free," beg leave to report the following amendments to the same.

In the first section 2d line strike out the words "passage of this act," and insert the words "first day of January eighteen hundred and twenty six." In the fifth line strike out the word "three" and insert "five." In the second section 4th line after the word "mentis" insert the words, "or absent from this state." In the 6th line strike out the word "two" and insert "three." In the 8th line after the word "mind" add the words "or have returned to the state."

Mr. Tilghman offered the following message; which was read.

BY THE SENATE, January 13, 1825.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message, stating the terms of your agreement with Mr. Green for printing the journals and votes and proceedings. We have, with that respect due your honourable body, examined the same, and if the right of the senate to participate in making the contract for the printing be recognized by you, we assent to the arrangement proposed.

On motion, the question was put, Will the senate amend the message by inserting before the word "recognized" the word "expressly?" Determined in the negative.