

and with the report and resolution to which it refers, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

In Council, Annapolis, Jan. 14, 1825.

The hon'ble president of the senate and the hon'ble speaker of the house of delegates.

Gentlemen,

We have the honour to transmit herewith a communication from the governor of the state of Georgia, covering a report and resolution adopted by the legislature of said state, upon certain resolutions of the state of Ohio, proposing the emancipation of slaves, passed on the 7th of January 1824.

With the greatest respect, we remain, your obedient servt.

SAMUEL STEVENS.

On motion by Mr. Scott, leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act regulating writs of error, and granting appeals to the court of appeals. And it was ordered, that Messrs. Scott, Chambers and Thomas, should be a committee to prepare and report the same.

The bill to incorporate the village of Port Deposit, in Cecil county, was read a third time, passed with the proposed amendments, and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill for the relief of John Ritchie, of Prince-George's county, was read a second time; ordered to be engrossed. The said bill being engrossed, was read a third time by special order, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill to amend the constitution and form of government of this state so as to limit the duration of the sessions of the legislature, was read a second time and laid on the table.

Mr. Bowie from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Arthur Wise, of Charles county, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought not to pass. The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, rejected and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Beale C. Stinchcomb, of Frederick county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Cockey, Chambers and Orrell. Also a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Michael Lynch, of Frederick county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Scott, Thomas and Tilghman. Also a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Lynch and Barnover Kean, of Frederick county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Scott, Thomas and Tilghman. Also a bill to reduce the number of the board of trustees of Washington Academy in Somerset county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Tilghman, Quinton and Claude. Also a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the United Beneficial Society in Baltimore; which was read the first time and laid on the table. Also a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of Elizabeth town, in Washington county, to Hager's town, and to incorporate the same; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Tilghman, Kent and Quinton. Also a bill, entitled, An act authorising the recording of a deed of manumission; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Scott, Thomas and Tilghman.

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Osborn Sprigg, 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 for the relief of Martin Bowers, 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 second time and laid on the table.

Mr. Scott from the committee reported a bill 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; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

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

SATURDAY, January 15, 1825.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. On motion, the bill empowering the levy court of Hartford county in their discretion to build a bridge over Deer creek in said county, was referred to Messrs. Miller, Brownley and Thomas.

The bill to enable Simon Frazier, of Prince-George's county, to purchase and hold real property within this state, was read a third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of John C. King, of the city of Baltimore, and the bill for the relief of Reubin D. Tucker, of Burlington county in the state of New-Jersey, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that they ought to pass. The said bills were then read a second time and laid on the table.

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the bill to authorise Hugh Jackson, of Cecil county, to record a deed, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought not to pass.

The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of John W. Steinmetz, of Frederick county, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendments:

At the end of the 2d section add the following proviso:—Provided, also, that the said John W. Steinmetz shall, within twelve months after the passage of this act, naturalize himself agreeably to the laws of the United States, but if the said John W. Steinmetz should die before he becomes naturalized, nothing in this proviso shall prevent him from transmitting or transferring his said property, by descent or devise, to any person or persons, being a citizen or citizens of the United States, and residing therein, capable