

IN COUNCIL, Annapolis, Feb. 21, 1825

The honourable the President of the Senate and the honourable the Speaker of the House of Delegates,

Gentlemen,—We herewith transmit you a communication from his Excellency the Governor of the state of Indiana, covering a resolution of the general assembly of said state, disapproving of the amendment of the constitution of the United States proposed by the general assembly of the state of Georgia, on the subject of the ingress of people of colour into the several states of the union

We have the honour to be, with the highest respect, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL STEVENS

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, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendments:

Amendments proposed—In the first sec. 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 the word "five." In the second section 4th line after the word "ments" 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," insert the words "or have returned to this state."

Which amendments were read and assented to, and with the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading. The said bill being engrossed, was read a third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

Mr. Chambers from the committee to whom was referred the bill to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts and collection of public revenue, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendments:

Amendments proposed—In the 1st section 5th line after the word "general" strike out the words "for the state" and in the same line strike out the words "the district attorneys" and insert the words "his deputies." In the 2nd section 1st line strike out the words "state agent or" in same section 2nd line after the word "agents" strike out the words "who are now or may hereafter be appointed for the whole" in same section 3d line strike out the words "state or" in same section 4th line after the word "county" insert the words "on their respective shores." In 3d section 1st and 2nd lines strike out the words "agent or" In 4th section 1st line strike out the words "by said account" In 5th section 1st line strike out the words "agent or" Same section 4th line after the word "money" insert the word "with" In 6th section 9th line after the word "agent" insert the words "and upon motion being made on behalf of the state." In same section 12th and 13th lines strike out the words "upon which there shall be no writ of error, supersedeas or appeal" Insert at the end of 6th section the following proviso: "Provided, That ten days previous notice in writing, of such intended motion, be delivered to such debtor or securities against whom it may be intended so to proceed, or left at their place of abode, signed by the treasurer of either shore, where the proceedings are had, or by the attorney general or deputy, on behalf of the state, and proof of such notice be made to the satisfaction of the court, to which such application is preferred; And provided also, if such debtor or security shall, in person or by attorney, desire a trial by jury of any of the matters aforesaid, which shall be by them specified and desired, the court shall thereupon direct a jury to be empanelled at the same term to try and determine between the state, and such debtor or securities, the truth of the matters so specified and desired." Strike out the whole of the 7th section. In the 8th section 1st line strike out the words "agent or." In same section 3d line strike out the words "his or" Add as an additional section to the bill the following: "And be it enacted, That the like proceedings as are directed by the sixth section of this act, may be had, and shall, in like manner, avail for the recovery of the public money, payable to the state in pursuance to the acts of assembly, for raising revenue for the state, passed at the sessions of 1821, chapter 192, 1-22, chapter 139, and 1823, chapter 150, which remain in arrear and unpaid by the collectors under the said several acts; and that nothing herein contained shall be held to impair any other remedy, suit or action, which this state may have been entitled to use or prosecute, for recovering of any part of the public revenue aforesaid, but any such other remedy, suit or action, may be used or proceeded upon for the purposes aforesaid."

Which amendments were read and assented to.

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

The resolution in favour of Thomas Stallings and others, of Allegany county, was read a second, and by special order a third time, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the bill to regulate the inspection of salted fish, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendment viz

Amendment proposed—Strike out all that follows the first enacting clause to the end of the bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons to land salted fish for inspection, sale or storage, on any public wharf, or with the consent of the owner of any private wharf in the city of Baltimore, except from the first day of June to the first day of November in each and every year, and that from the first day of June to the first day of November, every merchant dealing in fish in the city of Baltimore, be allowed to have in his warehouse, or on his premises, at any one time, forty eight barrels of merchantable fish, and no more. And be it enacted, That for every barrel or half barrel of herrings inspected, there shall be paid by the person requiring said herrings to be inspected, the sum of three cents and no more, to the inspector who may inspect the same. And be it enacted, That when any fish are condemned within the city of Baltimore, the owner or owners thereof, or their agent, shall have the same removed beyond the limits of said city within twenty-four hours thereafter, under the penalty of forfeiting and paying for each condemned barrel or half barrel of fish, the sum of five dollars, one half thereof shall be appropriated to the informer, and the other half to the use of the state, to be recovered by a common warrant before a justice of the peace. And be it enacted, That no owner or owners of any fishery shall be compelled to have his or their fish inspected at his or their fishery, if intended to be transported to any port or place within the United States having a fish inspection. And be it enacted, That any act of assembly relative to the inspection of salted fish, inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Which amendments were read and assented to. The bill was then read a second time and laid on the table.

Mr. Scott from the committee made a favourable report upon the resolution in favour of Alexander Nisbet. The said resolution was then read a second, and by special order a third time, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

The resolution relative to repairs of the senate chamber and house of delegates, was read a second, and by special order a third time, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

The resolution relative to the commissioners to settle the western bounds of the state, was read a second, and third time by special order, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill to authorise aliens to purchase and hold real property in this state, was read a third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

The resolution relative to the debts due to the state, was read a second, and by special order a third time, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

The senate adjourned until 6 o'clock, this evening.