

Also, a bill entitled, an act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools throughout this state, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Quinton, Bowie, Dickinson, Orrell and Thomas.

The bill for the benefit of Worcester parish, in Worcester county, was read the second, and by special order, the third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Brownley from the committee to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland Steam-navigation Company, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendments, viz:—

1. Fourth section, fifth line, strike out 'fifteenth' and insert 'twenty-fifth.'

2. Strike out the seventeenth section.

Which amendments were read, and the further consideration thereof, postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Bowie from the committee to whom was referred the bill to authorise William Plummer, to manumit the negro therein named, 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 the second, and by special order, the third time, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Claude from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Mahaly Cooper, of Caroline 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 the second time and laid on the table.

On motion, the bill to alter and amend the constitution and form of government of this state, so as to limit the duration of the sessions of the general assembly, was made the order of the day, for Friday next, the 17th instant.

Mr. Claude from the committee to whom was referred the bill, to divorce Susannah Maccubbin and her husband Moses Maccubbin, 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 the second time and laid on the table.

On motion, Mr. Johnson was excused from serving on the committee to whom was recommitted the bill, relating to insolvent debtors, and Mr. Thomas was substituted in his place.

The bill to provide a place for the safe keeping of the records of Somerset county, was read the second time and laid on the table.

The supplement to an act entitled, an act to lay out and make a public road in Frederick county, passed at November