

TUESDAY, February 15th, 1831.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Heath presented the petition of Robert H. Hayes, of Cecil county, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Heath, Kennedy and Harrison.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the amendment proposed by the house of delegates to the bill, entitled, An act relating to Cromwell's bridge, in Baltimore county, was read the second time and assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The senate, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the consideration of the bill, entitled, An act to abolish imprisonment for debt on any judgment rendered by a justice of the peace.

The bill being on its second reading,

The amendment proposed by Mr. Forrest to said bill, which is in these words: After the word "debtor," in the 3d line, insert the words, "who may have been a bona fide resident of this state two years, and of the county where the judgment may have been rendered, five months," was read a second time, and the question put, Will the senate assent to the amendment? Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the senate reconsidered the said amendment.

On motion of Mr. Heath, the amendment offered by Mr. Forrest, was amended by striking out the words "two years," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "one year," and by striking out the word "five," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "four."

The question was then put on the amendment as amended, and determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Heath, the bill was further amended by inserting after the word "peace," in the 2d line, the following words, viz: "or court of justice, on the affirmance of any judgment of a justice of the peace."

The bill having been read throughout, as amended, and after some discussion, the question was put, Shall the bill as amended be engrossed for a third reading? On this question, the yeas and nays being asked for were taken and appeared as follows:

Messrs. Dennis
Heath
Kennedy
Sewell

AFFIRMATIVE.

Smith
Thomas
Whiteley—7