

80 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1801.

The bill to enable John Sprigg Belt, James Walker and Archibald Dorsey, to complete the collection of the county tax in certain districts in Anne-Arundel county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1801: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk.
 "By the senate, December 15, 1801: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.
 "By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

Which amendment was read.
 The bill for the relief of Alexander Laing, of Talbot county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 3, 1801:
 "Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk.
 "By the senate, December 15, 1801: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.
 "By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

Which amendment was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.
 The bill to incorporate a company to open a turnpike road from Fort Cumberland to the western side of the Laurel hill, at or near Union-town, endorsed; "By the senate, December 8, 1801: Read the first time and ordered
 "to lie on the table.

"By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk.
 "By the senate, December 14, 1801: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.
 "By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

Which amendments were read.
 The supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Caroline county, endorsed; "By the
 "senate, December 12, 1801: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk.
 "By the senate, December 15, 1801: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.
 "By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

Which amendments were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.
 The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 16, 1801.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.
 A petition from John Smith Brookes, of Prince-George's county, praying the treasurer may be authorized to receive a certificate in payment of a debt due the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Carr, Mr. Harwood and Mr. Goldsborough, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for draining part of the branch called The Unicorn Branch, lying in the upper part of Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Hugh Coyle, of Frederick county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for regulating the inspection of tobacco was sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Chapman be discharged from the committee on the representation of the quakers.

Mr. Hebb, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish pilots, and to regulate their fees, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Miller, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom were referred sundry remonstrances against the unrestricted right of transporting out of this state slaves, and those of the African race, who have only a term of years to serve, and sundry petitions, praying a law may pass prohibiting the transportation of slaves, and those of the African race who may be entitled to freedom, consistent with humanity and justice, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into their serious consideration, and are of opinion that the right acquired in slaves is and ought to be limited by the laws of humanity; and that the practice of transporting those who may be entitled to freedom, as well as other acts of cruelty and inhumanity towards those unhappy people, loudly call for the interposition of the legislature; they therefore submit the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of your committee, that a law should pass prohibiting, under the severest penalties, the sale of those of the African race out of this state, who after a term of years are or may be entitled to freedom.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of your committee, that the transportation of any slave or slaves out of this state should be prohibited under sufficient penalties, whereby an acknowledged husband and wife may be separated from each other, or whereby a mother may be separated from her child or children under ten years of age.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.