

On further progression, the question was put, That the following clause be stricken out of said bill? viz. "And be it enacted, That the commissioners of levy of each respective county, and their successors in office, are hereby made and constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of Commissioners of Levy of such county in which they shall be elected, and by the said name shall sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and shall and may make and have a common seal, and the same may break and alter; and all lands, property and effects, of the respective counties, heretofore vested in the justices of the levy court, are hereby vested in the commissioners of levy of each respective county, with like remedy for and against them, at law and in equity, as are provided for and against the justices of the levy courts." Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression, the question was put, That the following clause be stricken out of said bill? viz. "And be it enacted, That the commissioners of levy for each county shall appoint their own clerk, and shall allow him such compensation for his services as they shall think reasonable; and all acts of the commissioners of levy, as such, shall be signed by their clerk, and tested by their common seal." Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

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| Messrs | Hebb, | Ogden, | Jackson, | Ennalls, | Moffit, | Van-Horn, | Ayres, | Watts, | |
| | Mercer, | Lloyd, | Bayly, | Ward, | Porter, | Montgomery, | Selby, | Linthicum. | 19. |
| M | M'Pherson, | Dickinson, | Frazier, | | | | | | |

N E G A T I V E.

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| Messieurs | Scott, | Dorsey, | Parnham, | Cox, | Sudler, | Waters, | Jump, | Carroll, | |
| | Hanson, | Higgins, | Chapman, | Hall, | Gleaves, | Cockey, | Stephen, | Bruce, | |
| | Hurt, | Holland, | Lemmon, | Contee, | Sturgis, | Kuhn, | Bowles, | Tomlinson, | |
| M | Gale, | B. Mackall, | Spencer, | Callis, | Bishop, | Bayard, | Smith, | Rizer. | 27. |
| | Merriken, | Stuart, | Denny, | Blake, | Hawkins, | Turpin, | Yates, | | |

So it was determined in the negative.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 18, 1805.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. A letter was received from the honourable speaker, stating, that in consequence of the death of a near relation, he would be unable to attend the house for a few days; which was read. The house proceeded to ballot for a speaker pro tempore, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, upon examination thereof it appeared that Lloyd Dorsey, Esquire, was elected. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hyland appeared in the house.

The report on the petition of John Smith Brookes, of Prince-George's county, was read the second time and the resolution therein contained assented to.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, praying that the ditch for draining the Unicorn Branch, in said county, may be extended to the head of the Forge Mill-pond, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Sudler, Mr. Gleaves and Mr. Blake, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of Richard Waters, of William, Ezekiel Gilliss and Richard Minish, of Somerset county, was read the second time by especial order and passed, which, together with the bill for the relief of William Thomas and John Carvil Hynson, jun. of Kent county, the bill to lay out and open a certain road in Harford county, and the resolutions in favour of Thomas Meredith, John Sprigg Belt, and others, Charles F. Brodhag and John Smith Brookes, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Luther Martin, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be indulged in the payment of a debt due by him to the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Stephen, Mr. Harryman and Mr. Hyland, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the benefit of Grafton Duvall, of Prince-George's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On the second reading of the bill to prevent persons erecting booths, and retailing spirituous liquors, within one mile of the places of religious worship of the people called Methodists, in Anne-Arundel county, Baltimore county, Montgomery county, Allegany county, Calvert county, Frederick county, Queen-Anne's county, Prince-George's county and Harford county, the question was put, That the words "Anne-Arundel county, Baltimore county, Montgomery county, Allegany county, Calvert county, Frederick county, Queen-Anne's county, Prince-George's county and Harford county," be stricken out of the title of said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the words "the several counties therein mentioned" were inserted in lieu of the words stricken out.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the words "Dorchester, Caroline, Kent," be inserted in the first enacting clause after the words "Prince-George's?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, on motion, the question was put, Will the house reconsider the first clause of said bill? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow: