

A petition from Robert Doyne, of the city of Baltimore, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Forwood, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money for repairing St. George's church on Deer creek, in Harford county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Watts, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising Henry Howard, late sheriff and collector of Anne-Arundel county, to complete his collection; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

The amendments proposed to the bill to prevent free negroes from selling any corn, wheat, tobacco or other articles, without having a licence for that purpose from a justice of the peace, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to establish two additional warehouses in the city of Baltimore for the inspection of tobacco, was read the second time, passed, and, with the bill to authorise Henry Howard, late sheriff and collector of Anne-Arundel county, to complete his collection, sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to direct descents, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments; which amendments were read. A bill, entitled, An act respecting writs of error bonds, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. And the resolutions in favour of Robert Elliott, Hezekiah Speake, Anthony Fox, and Daniel Sheredine, severally endorsed, "dissented from."

The house proceeded to the second reading of the additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof; on progression, the question was put, That the following clause be stricken out? viz. "Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, that hereafter the amount of five hundred dollars of assessment within the city of Baltimore, shall be the qualification of a member of the first branch of the city council, instead of one thousand dollars, as at present requisite." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Gale,	Harryman,	Cox,	Sudler,	Cockey,	Ayres,	Jump,	Yates,	
	Merriken,	Denny,	Porter,	Gleaves,	Kuhn,	Holbrook,	Stephen,	Linthicum,	
	Higgins,	Lloyd,	Van-Horn,	Bishop,	Montgomery,	Bayard,	Bowles,	Tomlinson,	
	Ogden,	Dickinson,	Contee,	Hawkins,	Forwood,	Turpin,	Smith,	Rizer.	36
	Lemmon,	Smoot,	Blake,	Waters,					

N E G A T I V E.

Mess	Neale,	Plater,	Parnham,	Cottman,	Ward,	Ellicott,	Sturgis,	Carroll.	12
	Hebb,	Stuart,	Jackson,	Hyland,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On progression, the question was put, That the following clause be stricken out? viz. "And be it enacted, That the amount of one thousand dollars of assessment within the said city, shall be the qualification of a member of the second branch of the city council, instead of two thousand dollars at present requisite." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was then put, That the bill be amended by adding the following? viz.

"And, whereas by the act to erect Baltimore-town into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, certain principles have been established, which are found injurious and inconvenient in their practical operation upon the police and municipal regulations of the said city, therefore this legislature, willing to remove such obstructions to the advancement of the general welfare, by enlarging the range of selection, without impairing the public security, and by giving more full and complete effect to the elective franchise in the choice of the constituted authorities of the said city, ordain and establish the following amendments and alterations, as calculated to remedy the inconveniencies which are now experienced; therefore, Be it enacted, That on the first Monday in October, eighteen hundred and seven, and on the first Monday in October in every year thereafter, the mayor shall be elected by a plurality of all the ballots given in by the voters qualified to vote in the respective wards of the said city for delegates to the general assembly, and the judges of the said elections in the several wards shall conduct the same in the manner and form prescribed by the act to regulate elections, passed at the present session of the legislature, and shall make return, under their hands and seals, of the person so elected mayor, and lodge the said return with the register of the city, and in case two or more persons shall have an equal number of ballots for the office of mayor, the said judges shall determine by lot, before they separate, which of the said persons, so having an equal number of ballots, shall be appointed to the office of mayor, and shall make their return accordingly. And be it enacted, That the mayor shall not continue in office more than five years successively, nor be eligible as mayor until the expiration of three years after he shall have been out of office, and in case of vacancy by the death, resignation, disqualification or removal, of the said mayor, the members of the first and second branch of the city council shall immediately convene, upon the notification of the register of the city, whose duty it shall be to make such notification, and the members of the said first and second branches of the city council, when so convened, shall proceed, by their joint ballot, to fill up the said vacancy for the remainder of the year. And be it enacted, That the voters in the several wards of the said city having the requisite qualification to vote for delegates to the general assembly, shall, on the first