

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill concerning the amendment of judicial proceedings, and, on motion by Mr. C. Dorsey, the question was put, That the following clause be stricken out? viz. "Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the courts of law shall have power to order and allow amendments to be made in all proceedings whatever before verdict, so as to bring the merits of the question between the parties fairly to trial, and if amendment is made after the jury is sworn, a juror shall be withdrawn; and in all cases where amendments are made, the adverse party shall have time to prepare to support his case, but the case shall not be continued to the next term unless the court shall be satisfied that the same is necessary, and such costs shall be allowed the party against whom such amendment may be made as the court think just." Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. C. Dorsey, the question was put, That the same be recommitted for amendment? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Chapman, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be postponed until to-morrow? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

## T H U R S D A Y, November 23, 1809.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion by Mr. Schley, ORDERED, That the bill to provide for the payment of the legal costs which accrued upon the trial of Thomas Burk, be recommitted for amendment.

On motion by Mr. Schley, the question was put, That the committee who brought in the same be discharged? Determined in the negative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Baer, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Harryman and Mr. Forwood, be added to the said committee.

Mr. Veatch delivers a petition from Anne Richards, of Montgomery county, praying to be supported out of the poor's house; which was read and referred to Mr. Veatch, Mr. Wharton and Mr. Gaither, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Belt delivers a petition from Elisha and Achsah Porter, of Anne-Arundel county, praying to be supported out of the poor's house; which was read and referred to Mr. Belt, Mr. Williams and Mr. A. Dorsey, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Hilleary delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Allegany county, praying a law may pass for making Will's creek navigable; which was read and referred to Mr. Hilleary, Mr. Reid and Mr. Bayard, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief and benefit of Clement Brooke, of Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Forwood delivers a bill, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners to review the road therein mentioned in Harford county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Veazey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for making an artificial road from the town of New-Castle, in New-Castle county, to the line of this state, in the route or direction to French-town, on Elk river, in Cæcil county, in the state of Maryland, and to extend the same artificial road from thence, by the nearest and best practicable course, to French-town, on Elk river, in Cæcil county, in the state of Maryland; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of William Hall, an insolvent debtor, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. J. E. Spencer, ORDERED, That the bill to declare the condition of such issue as are born of negro or mulatto slaves during their servitude for years, be recommitted.

The bill for the benefit of the heirs of Doctor Daniel Jenifer, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Archer delivers a petition from Josias William Dallam and Richard Dallam, of Harford county, praying that the treasurer may be directed to refund to them a sum of money overpaid for fifty-three acres of land, with interest thereon; which was read and referred to Mr. Archer, Mr. Davis and Mr. Forwood, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Worthington delivers a bill, entitled, An act respecting a monument or statue to the memory of Washington, and a bill, entitled, An act relating to servants and slaves; which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to lay out and open a road from the lower end of William Darne's lane to intersect the public road leading from John Orme's plantation to Montgomery court-house at or near the Union Mills, the bill to fix the mode of electing senators to represent this state in the senate of the United States, the bill for the relief of Clement Brooke, and the bill for the benefit of the heirs of William Murphy, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Garret E. Pendergrast, an insolvent debtor, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.