

An act concerning arbitrations, and for the more speedy administration of justice in this state, and a bill, entitled, An act to lay out a road in Baltimore county; which were severally read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to open a road to Swan creek, in Harford county, and to make a public landing thereat, the bill to lay out and make public a road therein mentioned in Cæcil county, the bill to authorise a lottery or lotteries in Frederick county, the bill to authorise George Creager, junior, late sheriff of Frederick county, to complete his collection, and the supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to repeal all such parts of the acts of assembly of this state as require the payment of twenty-five shillings for a marriage license, endorsed, "will not pass;" and a letter from the executive, enclosing the proceedings of the legislature of the state of Vermont on the several resolutions proposed by the legislatures of Virginia, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, for amending the constitution of the United States; which were read and referred to Mr. J. E. Spencer, Mr. C. Dorsey, Mr. Plater, Mr. Worthington and Mr. Brent, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Brent, the following order was read.

ORDERED, That this house sit from five until eight in the evening, for the dispatch of business, during the remainder of the session.

And the question was put, That the house assent to the same? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.							
Messrs	Hall	Williams	Stevens	J Brown	Wilson	Forwood	Willis	Bland	
	Angier	Sellman	Bayly	Prideaux	Schley	Davis	Jump	Brent	
	Harris	Harryman	Griffith	Quinton	Archer	Streett	Worthington	Wharton	27
	W Moffitt	M Brown	Groome						
		N E G A T I V E.							
Messrs	Plater	Wilkinson	Randall	Frazier	Perrie	Baer	Tabbs	Hilleary	
	Hebb	Blake	Winder	J S Moffitt	Sands	J H Thomas	Gaither	Bayard	
	Hopewell	Stuart	Cottman	Calvert	Hopper	Bowles	S Thomas	Cresap	
	Grahame	Chapman	Lucas	Herbert	J E Spencer	Cellar	Veatch	Reid	37
	Ireland	C Dorsey	Lecompte	Magruder	J Thomas				

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Brent, the following order was read.

ORDERED, That those members who do not attend the meeting of this house at 9 o'clock every morning, shall not receive their per diem for that day unless they be prevented from attending by sickness.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill concerning crimes and punishments, and, on motion by Mr. Chapman, the question was put, That the words "a billiard table excepted," be stricken out of the seventh clause? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.							
Messrs	Hopewell	Harryman	Groome	Perrie	Wilson	Schley	Gaither	Hilleary	
	Hail	M Brown	J S Moffitt	Hopper	J Thomas	Forwood	S Thomas	Bayard	
	Harris	Randall	Calvert	Prideaux	Baer	Davis	Wharton	Cresap	
	Sellman	Griffith	Magruder	Quinton	J H Thomas	Willis	Veatch	Reid	33
	Chapman								
		N E G A T I V E.							
Messrs	Plater	W Moffitt	Ireland	C Dorsey	Cottman	Frazier	Palmer	Bland	
	Hebb	A Dorsey	Wilkinson	Bayly	Lucas	Sands	Archer	Bowles	
	Angier	Grahame	Blake	Winder	Lecompte	J Brown	Jump	Cellar	24

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Winder, the question was put, That the words "every mate or officer second in command thereof," be stricken out of the 7th clause? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. J. H. Thomas, the question was put, That the following be inserted after the 8th clause? to wit: "And be it enacted, That if any negro or mulatto slave shall be duly convicted of any crime herein mentioned, which may not, in the discretion of the court, under this act, be punished by hanging by the neck, such negro or mulatto slave, instead of confinement in the penitentiary, may, in the discretion of the court, be sentenced to receive, on his or her bare back, any number of lashes, not exceeding one hundred; and the court may also sentence such negro or mulatto slave to be banished from this state, by transportation and sale, unto some foreign country, for the benefit of the state or county, as the case may be, with as full power and authority as the governor may now exercise under an act, entitled, An act declaring the power of the governor in certain criminal cases, such negro or mulatto slave to be valued and paid for in the manner herein after directed; and nothing in this act contained shall be construed to deprive justices of the peace of any power or authority which they may now exercise by law relative to free negroes and mulattoes, or negro and mulatto slaves." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. J. E. Spencer, the further consideration of the said bill was postponed until to-morrow.

The bill to open a road in Frederick county, was read the second time and passed.

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