

led, An act to vest certain powers in the orphans court of Charles county, endorsed "will pass;" which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. And the following message:

By the S E N A T E, December 20, 1810.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

WE have reconsidered the last section but one of the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the stockholders of the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore, and have complied with your message by striking out that section, and passing the bill with the other provisions therein contained.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to authorise the levy court of Washington county to open and amend the road therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

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

F R I D A Y, December 21, 1810.

THE house met. The speaker being unable to attend through indisposition, the house proceeded to ballot for a speaker pro tem. the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on the examination thereof it appeared that Mr. Bowles was unanimously elected, who took his seat accordingly.

The bill to vest certain powers in the orphans court of Charles county, the bill for the benefit of John Parker, of Worcester county, and the bill to authorise the levy court of Washington county to straighten, open and amend the road therein mentioned, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Wharton delivers the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the trustees of the Rockville academy, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer is just and reasonable; they therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto the trustees of the Rockville academy, or their order, annually, the sum — dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury. All which is submitted.

By order,

S. BRADFORD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Bayly delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Levin Irving, of Somerset county, which was read.

Mr. Marriott delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, praying that the several ferries in said county may be made private ferries; which was read and referred to Mr. Marriott, Mr. Warfield and Mr. Boyle.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out, straighten and amend, a certain road in Harford county, the bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of Saint-Mary's county, the bill relating to public roads in Worcester county, the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the stockholders of the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, and the bill regulating attorneys fees, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the report of the committee of grievances and courts of justice, relative to the removal of Zebulon Hollingsworth, Esquire; and after examining testimony, and hearing Mr. Hollingsworth at the bar of the house, relative to the subject, on motion by Mr. Archer, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be postponed until to-morrow? The house being equally divided, the question was determined in the affirmative by the speaker.

The report of the committee on the petition of Alexander Dent was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Archer, That the resolution be stricken out for the purpose of inserting the following?

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of this state is by the act of 1751, chap. 15, authorised to pay the value of said negro to the owner, if in his judgment and opinion the said slave was slain for refusing to surrender himself contrary to law, or in unlawfully resisting any person endeavouring to apprehend him, and that therefore any interference of the legislature would be improper.

A division of the question was called for and put on striking out. Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put on the amendment. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, the report was withdrawn.

On motion by Mr. Herbert, the following order was read and assented to:

Whereas it appears from the representation of the treasurer, that a considerable sum of money remains in the treasury subject to the future appropriation of the general assembly, and it is expedient that the balance which may remain after defraying all the expenses of government, should be invested in some productive fund; therefore, ORDERED, That Mr. Herbert, Mr. Perry, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Bland, Mr. Archer, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Bayly, be a committee to consider and report to this house what in their opinion would be the most eligible fund for said investment.

The house adjourns until six o'clock, P. M.