

and required to put the following question to each and every person who shall vote at said election, viz. Are you for or against the establishment and support of district schools, established in such a manner throughout the state, that every child in the state may have an opportunity of receiving an education at the public expense? And the judges of the elections are hereby authorised and required, to return to the next general assembly, a correct statement of the number of persons for and against such an establishment.

RESOLVED, That the judges of the elections in the several counties of this state, and in the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to appoint an additional clerk to carry the above resolution into effect, provided they shall deem such clerk necessary.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and required to cause the above resolutions to be published in all the newspapers in this state, and in the district of Columbia, once in each month for the space of four months before the next election of delegates to the general assembly.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and required, to pay such printers a reasonable price for publishing said resolutions, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Mr. Bayly delivers a petition from Charles Farrow, of Somerset county, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to the next general assembly.

On motion by Mr. Davis, the following resolution was read:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the examiner-general of the western shore, such sum in addition to his fees for the present year, as shall amount to the sum of three hundred pounds current money, and the examiner-general shall lay before the next session of assembly, the amount of fees by him received in this year, on oath.

The speaker laid before the house an account from Thomas Harris, junr. and James Earle; which were read and referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. Stevens delivers the following report:

THE committee of claims beg leave to submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Thomas Harris, junior, the sum of two hundred and forty dollars and forty-six cents, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

By order,

T. MURPHEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Stevens delivers the following report:

THE committee of claims beg leave to submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to James Earle, junior, the sum of one hundred and sixty-nine dollars and ninety-eight cents, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

By order,

T. MURPHEY, clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the benefit of the heirs of Thomas M'Eldey, the bill for the relief of Henry Brown, of the city of Baltimore, the bill to lay out and make public a road in Baltimore county, the bill for the relief of Horatio Clagett, and the bill to authorise the levy court of Washington county to straighten, open and amend, the road therein mentioned, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The supplement to the act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read. The resolution for building a bridge over Will's creek, endorsed, "dissented from." The resolutions in favour of Frederick Green and William Horney, severally endorsed, "assented to." A letter from the governor, enclosing the accounts of expenditures by him under resolutions of last session; which was read.

Mr. Dennis delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the heirs of Zephaniah Benston; which was read.

The bill for the relief of James Wilson, of Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. T. Hall, the following resolution was read.

RESOLVED, That the governor of the state of Maryland, the chief judge of the court of appeals, and the chancellor of the state, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to draw on the treasurer of the western shore of the state of Maryland for the sum of two thousand dollars, to be by them expended in the purchase of a state library, which shall be placed under the care and direction of the executive of the state until the next meeting of the general assembly.

The bill declaring the effect of decisions in cases of petitions for freedom, was referred to the next general assembly.

The bill annulling the marriage of Daniel Arthur, was referred to the 21st June next.

The bill for the relief of Linny Conway, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to tax bank stock, and other monied institutions, for the establishment and support of district schools in the several counties of this state, and in the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis; on motion by Mr. Gaither, the question was put, That the same be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Archer, the question was put, That the following words be stricken out? "on the Patowmack company, twenty-five cents on every hundred dollars of the actual capital stock of said company; on