

ported a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools throughout this state; which said bills were severally read.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the last mentioned bill was made the order of the day for Wednesday the 1st of February next.

The house proceeded to consider the first order of the day, it being the bill reported by Mr M·Elfresh, entitled, An act to abolish imprisonment for debt in the state of Maryland.

Mr. Merrick moved to strike out the preamble in the bill? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Ely, the first section of the bill was amended by inserting in the fifth line after the words "orphans court," the words "or commissioners of insolvent debtors."

The bill was then read the second time and passed.

Mr. Ely then offered as a substitute for the title, the following:

"An act to amend the insolvent laws of this state."

And on the question being put on the adoption of the substitute, was determined in the negative.

Mr. Nicholas submitted the following message; which was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

By the House of Delegates,

January 25th, 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message, accompanied by a communication from the executive, submitting to your honourable body the memorial of a number of citizens of this state, complaining of certain obstructions to the navigation of the Susquehannah river, supposed to have been made by authority of the government of the state of Pennsylvania.

Regarding the subject as one of peculiar importance, we propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a joint committee, to take the memorial into consideration, and report such measures for the adoption of the legislature, as they shall think the occasion requires.

The committee appointed by this house are Messrs. Nicholas, Lee, Chapman, Tilghman and Spence.

The house then proceeded to consider the second order