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MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Friday, Jan. 21.

Mr. Brown presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of the village of Denton, in Caroline county, praying, that geese and swine may not go at large in said village.

The bill relating to two deeds of manumission recorded amongst the records of Kent county; was read the second time passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Steele, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to restrain and punish trespassers.

Mr. Tyson reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorise limited partnerships within this state.

On motion by Mr. Montgomery, Ordered, That the bill relative to calling a convention, have a second reading on the second of February next.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to limit the number of justices of the peace in the several counties of this state.

Mr. Norris moved to insert after the words 'governor shall' the words 'from and after the 4 h Monday in December next.' Determined in the negative.

Mr. Thomas moved to refer it to the 1st of April. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Dennis moved to postpone it until to morrow. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Kemp moved to fill up the blank for the number of magistrates for Frederick county with 75. Determined in the negative.

The blank was then filled up with sixty.

Mr. Boon moved to refer the said bill to the 1st of June. Determined in the negative.

The house according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill to change the mode of electing the members of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Eccleston, the question was put, That the same be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Norris, Ordered, That the same have a second reading on the 3d February.

Mr. Barnes delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the order of the house, directing them to inquire into the expediency of altering and changing the inspection law passed at the last session, so as to authorise the state to build or purchase warehouses in the city of Baltimore, for the inspection of tobacco, instead of renting the same, having had the same under consideration, are of opinion that it would be expedient for the state either to purchase or build warehouses for the inspection of tobacco, they therefore respectfully submit the accompanying bill.

By order, ISAAC HINES, Clk.

And a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the governor and council of Maryland to purchase or build a warehouse or warehouses in the city of Baltimore for the inspection of tobacco.

Also a bill, entitled, An act to repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the appointment of a chancellor. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on the 28th inst.

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

Monday, Jan. 24.

Mr. Ireland presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Kent county, praying for the support of Teresa Carroll; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Merrick reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the courts of this state to grant divorces.

Mr. M'Clean reports a bill entitled, An act relating to the trustees of the poor of Kent county.

Mr. M'Clean obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act authorising the levy court of Kent county to levy a sum of money for the support of Mary Lynch; referred to the committee on similar subjects.

Mr. Sullivan presents a petition from sundry citizens of Dorchester county, praying aid for the agricultural society; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Hooper reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the Salisbury Academy.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Eliza Fish of Cecil county.

Mr. Henderson reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to authorise Hannah A. Hayes, guardian of the minor children of Stephen Hayes, late of Cecil county deceased, to sell and convey all the right, title and interest, of the said minor children, to certain real and personal estate therein mentioned.

On motion by Mr. Speed, the question was put, That the bill to increase the delegation of the city of Baltimore, and the bill to change the number of members from each county have a second reading on the 10th February? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on the 3d February? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on Thursday next? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Kemp delivers the following report:

The committee of claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Philemon B. Hopper, agent for the eastern shore, and the documents accompanying the same, praying to be allowed commission on monies paid into the eastern shore treasury, by state debtors, and further, that the said debtors be allowed full credit on the books of the eastern shore treasury, for all monies paid by them to the agent, and by said agent into the treasury, except his commission thereon, beg leave to report, That upon the first question submitted to their consideration, as to the amount of commission the agent is rightfully entitled to upon monies collected and paid through his exertions into the treasury by state debtors, there appears to be much doubt and uncertainty, from the vague and unsatisfactory testimony afforded them. Your committee find it therefore difficult to come to any accurate conclusion upon this subject. They would, however, state from the best examination they have been able to give this subject, and from the letters and certificates before them, it appears to your committee, that of the debts due to the state, and under the control and management of the agent, there were paid into the eastern shore treasury, by the state debtors themselves, in consequence of the agent's attention and exertions, the sum of $3,578 67 cents, and upon which it seems the treasurer has refused to allow him commission, on the ground that he had not satisfied him the money was paid in consequence of his attention and exertions as required by the resolution of the last session, but which your committee are of opinion the agent is entitled to his commission of 10 per cent, upon, amounting to the sum of $357 86 cents. Your committee beg leave further to report, that upon the second subject submitted to their consideration, relative to the credits which state debtors ought to have upon the treasury books of the eastern shore, who have settled their accounts with the agent, beg leave to state, that it appears to your committee, in many cases where the state debtors have paid the agent, he has retained his commission, and paid the balance of the debt into the treasury, and the treasurer in such cases has only given credit to such debtors for the sum received by him, leaving a balance standing against them on the books, the amount retained by the agent for his commission. Your committee think, the agent has a right to retain his commission upon monies received by him, and that the state debtors ought to have credit on the books of the eastern shore treasury for the several amounts retained by the agent for commission, so as to settle their accounts on the said books, as they have been finally settled with the agent. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the eastern shore pay to Philemon B. Hopper, state's agent, or order, the sum of three hundred fifty seven dollars and eighty six cents, being the amount of his commission upon money paid into the treasury by state debtors to March 1824. And be it further resolved, That the said treasurer is hereby authorised and directed, to pass to the credit of state debtors the several amounts retained by the state's agent for his commission upon claims paid him by said debtors, so as to settle the said accounts on the treasury books. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order, J. COCKEY, Jr. Clk.

Mr. Beall obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter the manner of filling up vacancies in the board of commissioners of the tax in the several counties of this state.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Snowden of Cecil county.

The supplement to an act to authorise Hannah A. Hayes, guardian of the minor children of Stephen Hayes, late of Cecil county, deceased, to sell and convey all the right, title and interest, of the said minor children, to certain real and personal estate therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill giving compulsory process after summons to procure the attendance of witnesses in causes, and other proceedings, in the high court of chancery, was read the second time, amended, passed, and sent to the senate.

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

Tuesday, Jan. 25.

The bill giving compulsory process after summons to procure the attendance of witnesses in causes, and other proceedings, in the high court of chancery, was sent to the senate.

The bill for the relief of Mary Snowden of Cecil county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Wright presents a petition from Ann Nichols, of Queen Anne's county, referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Sullivane presents a petition from James Watts, referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. King obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to coroners bonds.

Mr. Williams reports a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the 12th and 13th sections of an act, for the relief of the poor of Worcester county, passed at December session 1821, chapter 145; which was twice read by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers a report from the trustees of the Easton Academy, referred to the committee on schools and academies.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 25.

Gentlemen of the Senate—This being the day agreed upon to appoint a United States senator, we propose to go into the election at 12 o'clock.

By order, JOHN BREWER, Clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

By the Senate, Jan. 25.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates—The senate concur in your proposition to go into the election of a United States senator to day, at 12 o'clock; and have appointed Messrs. Thomas and Miller, on the part of the senate, to count the ballots, and report the result.

By order, WM. KILTY, Clk.

Which was read.

The house proceeded to ballot for a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike, retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported that the Honourable Edward Lloyd, esq. was elected.

Whereupon Resolved, That the honourable Edward Lloyd, Esquire, be and he is hereby declared to be elected a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States.

Mr. Shower reports a bill, entitled, An act for electing the levy courts of the several counties in this state, by the people. The house adjourns until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, Jan. 26.

The engrossed bills from No. 1 to 38, inclusive, were read, assented to, and with the paper bills sent to the senate.

Mr. Bennett presents a petition from Noah Vinson, praying a deed from William M. Waines to him may be recorded.

Mr. Bennett presents a petition from the trustees of the poor in Talbot county, to make sale of the poor's-house, and for other purposes.

Mr. Maxcy presents a petition from sundry citizens of Anne Arundel county, in favour of the Agricultural Society of Maryland, referred to the committee on similar petitions.

The report of the committee of claims relative to the state agent for the eastern shore was read the second time.

Mr. Estep moved to strike out the words "so as to settle their accounts on the said books, as they have been finally settled with the agent?" Determined in the negative.

Mr. Estep moved to strike out of the resolution the words "so as to settle the said accounts on the treasury books?" Determined in the negative.

The resolution was then assented to and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, Ordered, That the bill for the benefit of Salisbury Academy, have a second reading on Tuesday next.

Mr. Pingle reports a bill, entitled, An act to amend an act concerning crimes and punishments.

The bill relating to the trustees of the poor of Kent county was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Wilson, the same was so amended as to extend its operation to the several counties in this state.

The bill was then passed and sent to the senate.

The resolutions in favour of Spedden Orem, Michael Waltman and Thomas Townsend, were read the second time and assented to.

The clerk of the senate returns the engrossed bills from No. 1 to 38, inclusive, severally endorsed "read and assented to."

And delivers a bill, entitled, An act to repeal and alter all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state, as relate to the removal of criminal causes in Baltimore city and county courts, endorsed, 'will was;' which was read.

Mr. King reports a bill, entitled, An act relating to coroners' bonds.

Mr. Maxcy delivers the following report:

The committee of ways and means to whom was referred the petition of Henry Nicolls of Dorchester county, praying that he may be released from the payment of interest due to the state by him as collector of the direct tax for the years eighteen hundred and twenty three, and eighteen hundred and twenty four, have had the same under consideration, and find nothing to entitle him to the relief prayed; and therefore recommend that the said Henry Nicolls have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

TRUEMAN CROSS, Clk.

Which was read.

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

Thursday, Jan. 27.

The resolutions in favour of Michael Waltman, Nathan Porter, Thomas Townsend, Spedden Orem, and Lethe Willis, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Gough delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the armourer at Annapolis, have had the same under consideration, and being fully impressed with the necessity of adopting some measures for the better preservation of the state's property consisting of arms and the munitions of war, report, —That under the present law appointing the armourer at Annapolis, he is only required to keep in order, fit for use, the arms deposited in the armoury: & in consequence the rooms allotted for the storing of arms, are in a confused and disordered state, and many of the articles there deposited in a perishable condition; your committee would therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the governor and council be authorized to have repaired, on the best and most economical terms, such portion of the arms now deposited in the state house, as they may deem advisable to have repaired, and to dispose of the residue of unserviceable arms, in such manner as they may think most conducive to the interests of the state.

Resolved, That the governor and council be, and they are hereby authorized to contract upon the best terms for the repairs, and preservation, and safe deposit of the camp equipage, accoutrements, and munitions of war, belonging to the state.

By order, ISAAC HINES, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Teackle delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying the enactment of a law to regulate the measuring of potatoes in the city of Baltimore, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report—From the number and respectability of the subscribers to this petition, the committee are well assured that the growing of potatoes is a considerable staple of agriculture, and an important object of traffick, and that in consequence of the grievance complained of, many traders, who had hitherto resorted to the port of Baltimore, have been induced to seek for other markets, to the common injury of all parties, save only the inordinate gain of certain avaricious hucksters. The committee conceive, that the most eligible mode of vending potatoes, would be by weight, instead of measure; and that this affair may be justly and satisfactorily regulated by the corporate authorities of the city of Baltimore. They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition, and that the same be presented to the mayor and city council of Baltimore.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order, J. COCKEY, Jr. Clk.

Which was twice read and concurred with.

Mr. Worthington reports a bill, entitled, An act relating to the administration of justice in this state.

Mr. Millard reports a bill for the relief of John Clarke, of Caroline county.

Mr. Teackle delivers the following report:

The committee appointed 'to inquire into the expediency of amending the civil practice as relating to the confinement of our fellow citizens in the common jails of this state,' beg leave to submit the following report.—That after having devoted to the subject matter of this reference their most serious consideration, and deliberately weighed the various reasons for and against the proposition committed to them, and endeavoured to construct such provisions as should equally protect the just rights of all parties, the committee concluded to direct its views, 1. To the abolition, in certain cases, of the compulsory writ of capias ad satisfaciendum. 2. To the amendment of the civil practice of justices of the peace, with regard to the power of authorising arrest and confinement in civil cases. 3. To the amendment of the civil practice of courts in relation to the mesne process, and to the preparation of separate and distinct bills for these purposes. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

TRUEMAN CROSS Clk.

And a bill, entitled, An act to abolish in certain cases the compulsory writ of capias ad satisfaciendum. Also a bill, entitled, An act to amend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, as relating to the power of authorising arrests and commitment in certain civil cases. And a bill, entitled, An act to amend the civil practice of courts in relation to mesne process.

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

Friday, Jan. 28.

Mr. Duvall reports a bill, entitled, An act to prohibit the transportation of absconding slaves to Hayti, or elsewhere.

Mr. Fouke presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying for a repeal of the laws which allow compensation to the owners of slaves, convicted of felony; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

The clerk of the senate returns the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the removal of lunatic paupers from the several counties of this state to the Maryland Hospital, passed at December session 1817; and the bill to incorporate the United Beneficial Society in Baltimore, severally endorsed 'will pass.' Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill relating to the levy court and commissioners of the tax for Harford county; and the bill to empower the court of chancery to have jurisdiction in a certain case, severally endorsed 'will not pass.' Also delivers a communication from his excellency the governor, enclosing an authenticated copy of an act of the Virginia legislature, entitled, An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company; referred to the committee on roads and canals.

Mr. Millard delivers the following report:

The committee to whom the petition of Elizabeth Carroll, of Caroline county, and the counter petition of her husband, were referred, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report—That they have attentively examined both petitions, and deem it inexpedient to legislate upon the subject. They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions and documents.

By order, W. H. EMORY, Clk.

Which was read twice and concurred with.

The house resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, the bill changing the constitution so far as relates to the number of delegates; after some time spent in discussion, the house adjourns until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Saturday, Jan. 29.

Mr. Wright presents a petition from Rebecca Whitely, of Queen-Anne's county, praying for a divorce; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

The bill to enable Thomas Humphreys, the guardian of Elizabeth Leatherbury, to sell and convey a lot of ground in the town of Salisbury, in Somerset county, was read the second time passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Nicholson reports a bill, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties of this state.

The bill for the relief of John Clarke, of Caroline county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill relating to two deeds of manumission, recorded amongst the records of Kent county, and the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act incorporating the trustees of the Westminster General Meeting House of Frederick county, severally endorsed 'will pass,' Also the bill to limit the number of justices of the peace in the several counties in this state, endorsed "will not pass." And delivers a bill entitled, An act for the relief of negro Sophia, and her two children James and Rachel Ann: and a bill to repeal an act therein mentioned, endorsed "will pass." Which were read.

The supplement to an act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways was postponed until Friday next.

The house resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday.

After some time spent in discussing the same, the question was put on the reference.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:—Affirmative 32—Negative 43.

Determined in the negative.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

LONGEVITY.

J. Gordon, who died near Turiff, Banffshire, some time ago had attained the remarkable age of 132 years. All the travellers who chanced to call at the neighboring inn of Turiff, were uniformly directed by the landlady, Mrs. Wallace, to the cottage of the patriarch, 'where they would see (she used to say) the oldest man in Banffshire—ay, or in the world.' Among the visitors one day at the close of the harvest was a young Englishman, who coming up to the door of the cottage, accosted a venerable looking man, employed in knitting hose, with 'So, my old friend can you see to knit at your advanced period of life? One hundred and thirty two is a rare age. Devils i' the man it will be my grand father ye're seeking I'm only seventy three—ye'll find him round the corner o' the house.' On turning round the corner, the stranger encountered a debilitated old man, whose whitened locks bore testimony to his having long passed the meridian of life, and whom the stranger at once concluded to be J. Gordon himself. 'You seem wonderfully fresh my good Sir, for so old a man, I doubt not you have experienced many vicissitudes in the course of your long life.' 'What's your will Sir!' inquired the person addressed, whose sense of hearing was somewhat impaired. The observation was repeated. 'O ye'll be wanting *my father* I reckon; he's i' the yard there' The stranger now entered the garden where he found the venerable old man bu-

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