LEGISLATURE,

HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MARYLAND.

WEDNESDAY November 18.

A petition from John Troxal, of Frederick county, praying his title to a certain house and lot may be confirmed; and a petition from George Williamson, of Queen Anne's county, praying an act of insolvency, were preferred, read and referred.

Mr. T. Dorsey delivered the bill, entitled, a further supplement to an act, entitled, an act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, as amended; which was read.

The bill to lay out and make a public road in Baltimore county, was sent to the senate.

A petition from Martin Brown, of Saint-Mary's county, praying to be released from confinement, was preferred, read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivered the bill authorising Nathaniel Rochester, late sheriff and collector of Washington county, to complete his collection, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill authorising Joseph Green, late sheriff and collector of Charles county, to complete his collection, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from Thomas Richardson, of Prince George's praying for a public road, was preferred, read and referred.

Ordered, that the bill to incorporate the stockholders in the Hager's town Bank, have a second reading on Wednesday next.

Leave given to bring in a bill to punish blasphemers, swearers, drunkards & sabbath-breakers, and for repealing the laws heretofore made for the punishing of such offenders.

Mr. J. E. Spencer delivered a bill, entitled, an act to establish a chancery court on the eastern shore, and to repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government as may be incompatible with the same; which was read.

The bill to confirm the act to alter, change and repeal, such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the division of St. Mary's county into electoral districts, was read the second time, passed and send to the senate.

A petition from John Booth, praying he may be authorised to convey to Thomas Sim Lee a tract of land purchased by him of the petitioner's father, was preferred, read and referred.

The bill to alter the time of holding the county court of Queen Anne's county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Mitchell delivered a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of John Burgoyne, of Cæcil county; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivered the supplement to the act for the benefit of Robert Williams, a free black man, and of his wife and children, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the following message:

We have received your message of the 11th instant, and have appointed Mr. Somervell, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Glenn, and Mr. Williams, a committee on the part of the senate, to join the gentlemen named by your house to compare and examine the engrossed bills: which was read.

On motion, That leave be given to bring in a bill to alter and abolish such parts of the constitution as relate to elections by ballot, and for other purposes therein to be mentioned? The previous question was called for and put, That the main question be now put? Determined in the negative.

On the second reading of the resolution directing the resolutions of the legislature to be recorded, the question was put, That the whole of the resolution, from the word "Resolved," be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, that the following words, to wit: That —— —— —— be a committee to collect and examine the resolutions passed by the general assembly of Maryland from the year 1778 to the year 1799, inclusive, and to report such thereof as the committee may think ought to be preserved when collected, to this house; and that the printer to the state be directed to publish the same with laws of the present session; and that the said resolutions, so as aforesaid to be published, shall be received in evidence in any court of law in this state," be inserted in lieu of the words stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be postponed? Determined in the negative.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee, and upon examining the ballots it appeared that Mr. C. Dorsey, Mr. Bruce, and Mr. Stone, were elected.

On motion, the question was put. That the house re consider the first part of the said resolution? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was put, That the word "Resolved," be be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the word "Ordered" be inserted in lieu thereof? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, that the whole of said order from the word "house" be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, that the house agree to said order? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. T. Dorsey delivered a bill, entitled, an act directing the register of wills for Baltimore county to deliver over to the persons therein named the last will and testament of Robert Burney; and a bill, entitled, a further supplement to an act, entitled, an act to encourage the establishing of a hospital for the relief of indigent sick persons, and for the reception and care of lunatics; which was read.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, Nov. 19.

Mr. Carroll appeared in the house. Mr. John Gale, a delegate from Somerset, appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

A petition from Sarah Winchester, and others, of Baltimore county, praying for a sale of the real estate of James Winchester, deceased; and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying for a bridge over Monocacy, were preferred, read and referred.

Mr. Callis has leave of absence.

The bill to revive and aid the proceedings of the orphans' court of St. Mary's county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Kuhn delivered a bill, entitled, an act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of building a bridge across the river Monocacy, in Frederick county; which was read.

The report on the petition of Keally Tydings was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith and assent to the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

The report on the petition of John Trueman was read the second time, and after filling the blank in the resolution therein contained with "one hundred & seventy-five dollars," the question was put, That the house concur with the said report, and assent to the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative and sent to the senate.

On motion the question was put, that leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled a supplement to an act for rectifying the ill practices of attorneys of this state, and ascertaining fees to the attorney-general, clerk of indictments, attornies and practitioners of the law in the courts of this state, and for levying the same by way of execution? Resolved in the affirmative. yeas 34. nays 29.

Mr. Little from the committee appointed on that part of the communication of the governor, relating to the militia and arms of the state, delivered a report, which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That the supplement to an act establishing a bank and incorporate a company, under the name of the Farmers bank of Maryland, and for other purposes, be made the order of the day for Thursday next? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the same have a second reading on to-morrow? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill directing the register of Wills for for Baltimore county to deliver to the person therein named the last will and testament of Robert Burney, was read the second time and passed.

Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections.

Mr. Biggs delivered a bill entitled an act for the relief of John Troxal, of Frederick county; which was read.

On motion, That leave be given to bring in a bill entitled An act to prevent the erection of any bank, or other monied institution, without the consent of the state being thereto first had and obtained? The question was put that the same be postponed? Resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from Alfred Jones, an alien, praying he may be authorised to hold real property, and a petition from Joseph Leonard, of the city of Baltimore, praying that deeds executed by him, while an alien may be confirmed, were preferred, read and referred.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, November 20.

Mr. Streett appeared in the house.

The bill directing the register of wills for Baltimore county to deliver over to the persons therein mentioned the last will and testament of Robert Burney was sent to the senate.

On motion, that the supplement to the act to establish a bank, and incorporate a company, under the name of the Farmers Bank of Maryland, and for other purposes have a second reading according to the order of the day? The question was put that the same be postponed? Determined in the negative.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying commissioners may be appointed to review a certain road, and a petition from Ariana Sim, of Montgomery county, praying for a divorce, were preferred, read, and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivered a bill for the support of Elias Thompson and Mary Thompson endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And a letter from the presiding visitor of Frederick county school, enclosing a state of said school, and the number of scholars therein; which was read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the supplement to the act to establish a bank and incorporate a company, under the name of The Farmers Bank of Maryland, and after amending and reading the bill throughout, the question was put, shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

Affirmative—Messieurs W. H. Brown, Gardiner, Hopewell, Gale of Kent, Welsh, Belt, O. Williams, Merriken, Emerson, Grahame, Stone, C. Dorsey, Green, Rogerson, Kerr, P. Spencer, Seth, Stevens, Gale, of Som. Jackson, Frazier, T. Moffit, Page, Hall, B. Hodges, Muir, Shaaf, J. Brown, Sturgis, Dashiell, Biggs, Hawkins, Kuhn, Shriver, Streett, Ayres, Bayard, Jump, Bowles, Schnebly, Tabbs, Carroll, Ray, Linthicum, Bruce, Tomlinson, Greenwell, Briscoe—48.

Negative—Messieurs W. Moffitt, Brice, C. D. Hodges, Little, M. Brown, King, Henry, Mitchell, Porter, J. E. Spencer, Robins, T. Dorsey, Steuart.—13.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Ray delivered a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Patrick Sim, and Ariana his wife; which was read.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, November 21.

The supplement to an act to establish a bank, and incorporate a company, under the name of The Farmers Bank of Maryland, and for other purposes, was sent to the senate.

A petition from Thomas Poteet, senior and junior, of Harford county, praying money may be levied to pay damages sustained by them in consequence of a road running through their land, and a petition from Jasper E Tilly, late sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, praying a further time to complete his collections, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Stevens delivered a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act, to prevent free negroes from selling any corn, wheat or tobacco, without having a license for that purpose from a justice of the peace; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill to authorise the levy court of Caroline county to levy a sum of money on the assessable property of said county for the purpose therein mentioned.

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

Mr. T. Dorsey delivered a bill, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, and securing and confirming the estates of purchasers; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a further supplement to the act for appointing a wreckmaster in Worcester county.

Mr. Jackson delivered a report from the trustees of Washington Academy, in Worcester county; which was read.

The supplement to the act relating to the public roads in the several counties therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A memorial from Jerimiah T. Chase, chief judge of the third judicial district, praying a compensation for his services in the capacity of chancellor, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Sturgis delivers a bill, entitled, a further supplement to the act, entitled, an act for appointing a wreckmaster in Worcester county; which was read.

The bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of finishing the steeple of St. John's church in Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Shaaff delivered a favourable report on the first memorial of Jeremiah T. Chase; which was read.

The bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of building a bridge over the river Monocacy in Frederick was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Biggs delivered a bill, entitled, an act to punish blasphemers, swearers, drunkards and sabbath breakers, and for repealing the laws heretofore made for the punishing such offenders; which was read.

Mr. Little delivered a favourable report on the petition of Robert C. Stone, and others; which was read.

The further supplement to the act for appointing a wreckmaster in Worcester county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Dorsey delivered a bill, entitled, an act for founding a medical college in the city or precincts of Baltimore for the instruction of students in the different branches of medicine; which was read.

The bill for the relief of John Burgoyne, of Cæcil county, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivered the report of the trustees of Charlotte Hall school; which was read and referred. Also the bill to confirm an act, entitled an act, to alter, change and repeal, such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relete to the division of St. Mary's county into electional districts, and the bill to revive and aid the proceedings of the orphans court of St. Mary's county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill for the relief of Thomas Dilworth, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, November 23.

Mr. Blake appeared in the house. Mr. William Darne a delegate from Montgomery county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

The bill for the benefit of John Burgoyne, and the further supplement to the act appointing a wreckmaster in Worcester county, were sent to the senate.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying commissioners to be appointed to lay out and open a certain road, and a memorial from the commissioners for the erection of a penitentiary, praying a further sum for the completion of the same, and that the levy court may exchange a small part of the penitentiary lot, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Kerr, Mr. P. Spencer, Mr. Boon, Mr. Welch, Mr. Brice and Mr. W. Moffitt have leave of absence.

The bill to make valid the will of Arthur M Dade, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from the trustees of Hillsborough school, in Caroline co. praying that they may be authorised to bind out certain poor children, that the estates of persons dying intestate without relations may be applied to the education of poor children at said school, and an appropriation of a small sum of money annually to said school, was preferred, read, and referred.

The following message was sent to the senate.

We have appointed Messieurs T. B. Dorsey, Little, C. Dorsey, Shaaf and Bruce, a committee on the part of this house on the memorial of the commissioners for the building of the penitentiary, and viewing the subject matter thereof as an object of the first magnitude and importance to the state of Maryland at large, propose to you that a committee be appointed on the part of the senate, to join the committee appointed by this house, as a joint committee to view & examine the subject matter of said memorial and to report thereon.

A memorial from Richard Choate, supervisor of the public roads in Baltimore couty, stating that his books, accounts and receipts were destroyed by fire, and praying the levy court may be authorised to close his account for the present year without the production of them, and a memorial from the justices of the levy court of said county, praying they may be authorised to apply part of the dividends from the turnpike roads to the support of the criminals on said roads, were preferred, read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivered the bill for the relief of John Troxal, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the resolution in favor of Kelly Tydings, endorsed, "dissented from."

Mr. Sudler delivered a bill, entitled an act for the benefit of Alfred Jones, of Queen Anne's county; which was read.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying a law may pass incorporating a company for insuring buildings and personal property from loss by fire, & a petition from the president, managers & co. of the Baltimore & Frederick town turnpike roads, stating that they are willing to erect a bridge over Monocacy, and praying they may be authorised to receive toll for passing the same was preferred, read and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill to punish crimes, offences and misdemeanors, committed on the waters of the Chesapeake bay within the territorial jurisdiction of the state of Maryland, and for other purposes.

On motion, the question was put, That the words "and for other purposes" be stricken out? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, that the committee consist of three? Resolved in the affirmative, and a committee was appointed accordingly.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying that the president managers and company, of Baltimore and Frederick-town turnpike roads, may be authorised by law to open a subscription for turnpiking a certain road, was preferred, read, and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill to increase the allowance of jurymen in the several counties therein mentioned. a bill to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the residence of voters, and a bill to increase the allowance of justices of the orphans courts in the several counties in this state.

Mr. Streett delivered a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to appoint and authorise commissioners to review and lay out a part of the road therein mentioned, in Harford county; which was read.

The bill for removing an obstruction in Conewago-street, and for extending the width and changing the direction of Ten feet lane in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from Charles Elder, of Anne-Arundel county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Hawkins delivered an unfavorable report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, which was twice read and concurred with.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the supplement to the act to prevent free negroes from selling any corn, wheat or tobacco, without having a license for that purpose from a justice of the peace, and after making some alteration therein, the question was put, that the said bill be postponed for further consideration? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivered the bill directing the register of wills for Baltimore county to deliver over to the persons therein named the last will and testament of Robert Burney, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also, the resolution in favour of John Trueman, endorsed, "dissented from." And the following message:

We have dissented from your resolution in favour of John Trueman. If your house will originate a resolution, giving to him the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, and the like sum to the widow of Edward Roberts, late messenger of the senate, to be applied by her to the support and maintenance of herself and family, it will meet our concurrence. It is represented to us, that the said Edward Roberts was a brave and most meritorious soldier during the revolutionary war. The members of the senate, acquainted with his services as their late officer, bear ample testimony to his attentive and faithful discharge of his duties as their messenger, and his family are left in a very indigent and destitute situation.

And also the following message:

We agree to your preposition of a joint committe of both branches of the legislature on the subject of your message of this day, and have appointed Mr. Partridge, Mr. Somervell, and Mr. Lowrey, a committee on the part of the senate, to join the gentlemen named by your house.

Which was read.

Leave given to bring in a further supplement to the act to regulate elections.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, November 24.

Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Kerr, Mr. P. Spencer, Mr. Boon, Mr. Welch, Mr. Brice and Mr. W. Moffit.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Prince George's county, praying a certain road may be made public, a petition from a number of proprietors of lots on the north side of and adjoining the city of Baltimore, praying that said lots may be annexed to, and incorporated as a part of said city, and a petition from James West, of the city of Baltimore, praying an act of insolvency, were preferred, read and referred.

Mr. Little delivered a bill to extend Centre-street, in the western precincts of the city of Baltimore, and to build a bridge therein across Jones's Falls; which was read.

Mr. Tabbs delivered a bill, entitled, an act for the benefit of the vestry of the German evangelic Lutheran congregation in and about Elizabeth-town, and Saint John's church in Washington county, which was read.

Mr. W. H. Brown delivered a bill, entitled a further supplement to the act, entitled, an act to regulate elections which was read.

The following order was read.

Ordered, That John Trueman late a revolutionary officer, and now peculiarly distressed by want, be appointed assistant door-keeper to the house of delegates.

And the question was put, That the house assent to the same? Determined in the negative, yeas —, nays 39.

The following message was read.

We have received your dissent to the resolution originated in this house in favor of John Trueman, a veteran of 1776. We should urge to you as an inducement to reconsider the same, the claims which he has upon the justice and liberality of the state, if your message did not recognise them.

The house of delegates entertain a high sense of the propriety and policy of acting with a liberality and justice becoming a wealthy and dignified state, towards those who have spent the prime of their lives in the service of their country; and whenever any individual, or the representatives of such, shall approach this house, with a claim sanctioned by justice and gratitude, they will meet with a prompt attention, and a disposition to extend to them a remuneration equal, if not superior to their just demands. But, notwithstanding this disposition to act with munificence, we cannot consent to gratify it, by the adoption of a mode which we consider totally inconsistent with the independence essential to correct legislation.

We entertain a high respect for the senate of Maryland, as a co-ordinate branch of the government, and when we say, that the alternative offered by your message, if adopted, may establish a precedent which we consider will be beneath the dignity of the legislative body of Maryland, we beg to be understood as not depreciating from this respect. The sum of twenty-five dollars at not an object of state concern, but to Trueman it may be an object of great importance.

We flatter ourselves, that when you see the solicitude which this house manifests in favor of John Trueman, you will, upon reconsideration, gratify the resolution, and reward a meritorious officer.

The clerk of the senate delivered the bill for the relief and benefit of the poor, and trustees of the poor of Washington county, the bill for altering the time of holding the county courts of Queen-Anne's county, the supplement to the act relating to the public roads in the several counties therein mentioned, and the bill to lay out and make a public road in Baltimore county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money, for the purpose of building a bridge across the river Monocacy, in Frederick county, and the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of finishing the steeple of Saint-John's church in Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, and for other purposes, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments"; which amendments were agreed to, and the bills ordered to engrossed.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, praying for a public road, was preferred, read and referred.

Mr. T. Dorsey delivered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the justices of the levy court for Baltimore county be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to use and apply the whole, or such part as may be necessary, of the dividends received by them from the Baltimore and Frederick-town turnpike road company, and the Baltimore and Reister's town turnpike road company, towards defraying the expenses incurred by the maintenance and support of criminals confined to labour on the public roads of Baltimore county.

Which was twice read and assented to.

Mr. C. Dorsey delivered a bill, entitled, a further supplement to the act, entitled, an act for the amendment of the law; which was read.

A petition from Annatatia Campbell, of Montgomery county, praying a support for her sister Jane Bradman, and a petition from Alexis Boone, late sheriff of Prince George's county, praying a further time to complete his collection, were preferred, read and referred.

Mr. Streett delivered a bill, entitled, a supplement to the act, entitled an act to lay out and make a public road from the Black Horse to the Pennsylvania line in Harford county; which was read.

Mr. Steuart delivered a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate a fire insurance company in the city of Baltimore; which was read.

A petition from Thomas Stinchicomb, of Anne-Arundel county, praying a divorce, was preferred, read and referred.

Adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, December 7.

Arrived, ship Æolus, Treadwell, Tonningen, 77 days; brig Clio, Boutellier, Havanna, 28, sugars; brig Mary, M Leilan, Portland, 19; Ariadne, Shaw, bay of Honduras, 60, Wood; Eliza, Backer, Havanna, 34, sugars; sch'r Nimrod, Greely, Passamaquoddy, 27, plaister; sch'r Sally, Watson, Kingston, Jamaica, 27, woods; Eliza, Webb, Martinique, 24, coffee & sugar; Lucretia, Blanchard, Portland, 18; sloop Betsey, Chew, R. Island, 20, Barley.

Cleared, sch'r Dolphin, Baum, North-Carolina.

Saturdaay last arrived ship Æolus, Treadwell, from Tonningen, sailed Sept. 20th, in company with ship North America, Tucker, of and for *Baltimore*; ship Belfast, English, of Norfolk; ship Hero, Cole, of and for Alexandria; ship Charlotte, Lowder, of Trenton, for Gottenburg; brig Harriot, Roaps, of and for Salem, and ship John, Lorring, of and for N. York, and saw her afterwards in Fair Isle passage—The *North America* and Belfast got ashore in the river, the former near the outermost buoy and ap-