

months, on a pledge, of so much of the bank stock of the State, as may be necessary, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum, to pay the interest on the public debt due the first day of April next.

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time,
On motion of Mr. Tuck,

The house was called, and the door-keeper sent for the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Martin,

The house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the door-keeper.

Mr. Jones of Somerset, presented the memorial of John Freeny, of Somerset county, praying relief on account of records burnt with the court house at Snow Hill;

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. Martin,

The house took up for consideration the bill reported by him, entitled an act relating to sheriffs in this State;

The said bill was then read the second time;

Mr. Lecompte moved to amend said bill by adding at the end thereof the following:

It being nevertheless the intent of this act, that the sheriff shall be liable for any loss sustained to the owner by a voluntary escape of a slave so committed to his custody.

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Wm. Lynch moved to amend said bill by adding at the end thereof, as an additional section the following:

And be it enacted, That this act shall not extend to Frederick county;"

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Nesbitt,

Said amendment was amended by adding at the end thereof the words "and Washington county;"

On motion of Mr. Martin,

Said bill and amendments were recommitted.

The door-keeper having returned reported, that in obedience to order he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The question was then taken on the resolution of Mr. Bowie, authorising a loan of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to pay the interest of the public debt, due 1st April.

On motion of Mr. Martin,

The house took a recess until 4 o'clock, P. M.