

of Frederick county ; and the bill for the relief of Richard Bartlett, severally endorsed, "will not pass." The resolution in favour of Peregrine Bantham, endorsed, "assented to." Also a bill, entitled, An act relating to British confiscated property, and for quieting possessions, endorsed, "passed by the senate February 3, 1817 ;" which was read. Also the engrossed bills Nos. 120 to 148, inclusive, severally endorsed, "read and assented to."

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to change the times of holding the elections in this state and for other purposes, and on motion by Mr. Duvall, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be referred to the next general assembly ? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.					
R Dorsey	Beard	Roberts	Taney	H Hall	Williams
T H Dorsey	A D Mitchell	Meconnikin	Howard	Glenn	Schnebly
C Stewart	Thomas	Harrison	Sewell	W. Stewart	Lanham
Price	Duvall	Potts	Bradford	Kell	Ridgely
Showers	Claude				
NEGATIVE.					
Mr Speaker	Sellman	Posey	Dennis	Quinton	Watkins
Blakistone	Horrell	Harryman	Lecompte	Handy	R K Watts
Boyer	Blake	Hambleton	Hart	Houston	Washington
Ringgold	Turner	Hands	Semmes	McDonald	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The house according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill extending the benefit of the insolvent laws to certain persons therein mentioned. The bill having been read throughout and amended, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass ? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

The house according to the order of the day proceeded to the second reading of the bill for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein named. Mr. Duvall moved to strike out after the words "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland," to the end of the bill, viz : "That nine sensible and discreet persons shall be appointed in each county of this state, who shall be called commissioners of the school fund, and they or a majority of them, shall be appointed, and shall apply in their respective counties, each county's legal proportion of the above mentioned fund, as they in their judgment may deem meet, so as to accomplish the objects of the above mentioned act, and its several supplements. And be it enacted, That the following persons shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners for the several and respective counties of this state to wit ; for Worcester — And be it enacted, That the treasurer of the western shore be authorised and required, on or before the first day of July next, to pay, or cause to be paid, unto the aforesaid commissioners, or their agent, respectively, of each respective county, each county's legal proportion of the above mentioned school fund, for the purpose of inserting the following as a substitute, "That the levy courts of the several counties of this state be and they are hereby authorised and directed, at their next levy, and annually thereafter, to levy on the assessable property of the respective counties, the sum of ten cents in each and every hundred dollars, in addition to the sum necessary to be levied for their respective county charges ; which said additional sum of ten cents shall be designated as a free school tax, and be collected by the collectors of the public tax for the several counties of this state, as other county charges are collected. And be it enacted, That the different collectors shall keep a separate and distinct account of the amount of said free school tax, and pay over the same to the treasurer of the western shore, to be by him applied in the same manner as is directed by the ninth section of the act, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland, and for the extension of the charters of the several banks in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes."

A division of the question was asked for ; the question was then put on striking out ? Determined in the negative.

The further consideration of said bill was postponed until this evening.

The house adjourns until this evening 5 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM, 5 O'CLOCK.

The house met, and resumed the consideration of the bill for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein mentioned.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, the following was received as an additional section to the bill : "And be it enacted, That on the application of the commissioners of any county, by their authorised agent, to the treasurer of the western shore, for the above mentioned proportion of their respective county, that the treasurer shall be authorised and required to dispose of such part of the fund appropriated for the establishment of free schools throughout the state, as is requisite to pay off the respective proportion of the county from which such application is made."

On motion by Mr. Potts, the following was received as an additional section to the bill : "And be it enacted, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to pay to the order of the levy courts of Frederick, Washington, and Allegany counties, their county proportion respectively of the school fund aforesaid, to be invested under the direction, and in the name of the levy court of the county in such manner as may be most likely permanently to secure the means of education, as contemplated by the act providing said school fund, until the principal and interest may be sufficient, in the opinion of the levy court of the county, to provide and establish a central free school in each election district of said county, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding."

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the following sections were added to the bill : "And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the school fund of each respective county, annually to report to the general assembly the manner in which their proportion of the school fund may have been disposed of. And be it enacted, That no commissioner of the school fund appointed by this act shall receive any compensation for the performance of the duties required of him by this act."

The bill having been read throughout and amended, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass ? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow :