

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide by law, in conjunction with the state of Maryland, for the further improvement of the navigation of the Potomac river, by an entire canal navigation.

Resolved, That the speaker of the house of delegates of this state, be requested to address a letter to the speaker of the house of delegates of the state of Maryland, in reply to his letter of the twenty-fourth ultimo, and to assure him, and the house over which he presides, of the readiness of the house of delegates of Virginia, to co-operate with the legislature of Maryland in the adoption of any measures calculated to effect the important object of the improvement of the navigation of the Potomac river, by an entire canal, to unite as far as practicable the waters of the Ohio with the Potomac, and "thereby interweave more closely all the reciprocal interests and affections that are necessary to consolidate and perpetuate the vital principles of union," and that a committee of the house of delegates of this state has been appointed, who are arduously engaged in maturing measures for the accomplishment of that desired object.

February 8, 1823.—Agreed to by the house of delegates.

WM. MUNFORD, C. H. D.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill establishing district equity courts, and new modelling the manner of the appointment of the judges of the orphans' court; on motion by Mr. Boon, the question was put, that the first section which provides that a chancellor be appointed in each judicial district, who shall be judge of the orphans' court in the several counties within such judicial district, be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Stansbury, the bill was referred to the next general assembly.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favor of Thomas Wright, and others, endorsed, "assented to with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read and assented to. And the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of colonel Roger Jones, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. John P. Kennedy presents a petition from Alexander Marr, counter to the petition of George W. Bailey; read and referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

Mr. Cosden presents a petition from Thompson Randolph, praying that the composition money paid by Lewis Miller may be applied as part payment of a bond executed by him to the state of Maryland; read and referred to Messrs. Cosden, Parker and Sheredine.

Mr. Byus presents a petition from James M'Colleston; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

The amendments to the supplement to the act to authorise the abutments of a bridge on the Maryland shore, of the Potomac river, were read the second time and dissented from.

Mr. Allen reports a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the fees of sheriffs in this state. Also a bill, entitled, an act to prohibit more than one judgment for the costs of one suit being entered on any bond or note, as amended; and Mr. Kilgour reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Rachel Donaldson, of Montgomery county; which were read.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to authorise the abutment of a bridge on the Maryland shore of the Potomac river, at Harper's Ferry, and for other purposes, passed at December session, 1821, chapter 119. Ordered, that Messrs. T. Kennedy, Kilgour and Drury report the same.

Mr. T. Kennedy reports said bill; which was twice read by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill relating to partnerships was read the second time; on motion by Mr. Allen, the whole of the bill after the 2nd section was stricken out.

On motion by Mr. Norris, the question was put, that the resolution be rejected? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Millard, Stone, Ireland, Massey, Hodges, Howard, Dalrymple, Smith, Skinner, Stonestreet, Rogerson, Garner, Worthington, Loockerman, Lloyd, Martin, Jones, Teackle, Dennis, Steele, Byus, Hooper, Parker, Gerry, Cosden, Semmes, Hughes, Franklin, H. Kemp, Farquhar, Fisher, Norris, Chauncey, Allen, Douglass, T. Kennedy, Keller, Galloway, Kilgour, Williams, Duvall, Greenwell, Pollard, Tomlinson.—44.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Speaker, G. Leigh, Estep, Johnson, Sheredine, Roberts, Saulsbury, J. P. Kennedy, Purviance, Hoffman.—10. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Pratt reports a bill, entitled, An act to regulate executions. Mr. Allen reports a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the fees of sheriffs in this state. Mr. Stansbury reports a bill, entitled, An act relating to the receiving and paying over to the levy court of Baltimore county the public fund therein mentioned; and Mr. Purviance reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Francis M. Wells; which were read.

Ordered, that the bill to repeal the first section of an act, entitled, A supplement to the act laying duties on licenses to retailers of dry goods, and for other purposes, have a second reading on the 17th inst.

The amendments to the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act incorporating into one the several acts relating to constables fees; and the bill appointing commissioners to extend Washington street, in Rockville, and for other purposes, were read the second time, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for making a certain road in Baltimore county, was read the second time; on motion by Mr. Norris, the question was put, that the whole be stricken out at the words "Be it enacted by the general assembly of Maryland?" Resolved in the affirmative. The residue was then rejected.