

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Worthington obtained leave to withdraw a petition from the 1st election district of Baltimore county relative to free schools.

Mr. Maxey moved that the committee to whom was referred the papers relative to the state's agent for the eastern shore be discharged from the consideration of the same? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. M. Mahon, the following resolution was read:

Whereas, from the reports of the committee of grievances, made at the last and present session of assembly it appears to this house, that through the official negligence or misconduct of past registers in chancery, continued, and in a great degree unnoticed for upwards of thirty years, so many papers connected with and filed in causes pending in the court of chancery, which ought to have been recorded, and for the recording of which such registers have long since charged, and in most instances received their fees, have yet remained unrecorded up to this moment, that their condition constitutes a source of alarm to every citizen of the state, which is the more formidable, inasmuch as its extent cannot well be ascertained: And whereas, all efforts heretofore made to stimulate these defaulting officers to atonement for their official negligence by making up their records, efforts frequently renewed from the year 1817, down to the present time, have proved ineffectual, and the state deeming all further attempts to persuade into a performance of duty unnecessary, because useless, has been driven to the necessity of directing suits to be instituted against them; And whereas, every moment of delay in recording these papers, which in many instances constitute the muniments and the sole muniments of title to property within this state, and which are now in a state of indescribable confusion, does but swell the grievance, and it therefore seems proper that this state should, from a regard to the security of the property of her citizens, adopt some speedy measures to repair past losses, and to guard against the existence of future; therefore, Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and requested, to contract, on the best possible terms, with some proper and competent person, for the recording of all such papers attached to or filed in causes pending in the chancery court, as remain unrecorded, and which are required to be recorded by the fifth section of the act of 1817, chap. 119, and that they be empowered to draw upon the treasurer of the western shore for all such sums of money as may be necessary to carry into effect any contract which they may make under this resolution.

Mr. Hoffman obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act authorising the commissioners of the tax for Allegany county to value and assess certain lands therein mentioned in Allegany county. Ordered, That Messrs Hoffman, M. Mahon, and Klipstine, report the same.

Mr. Wright delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Gebbert, of Queen Annes county, praying the privilege of keeping gates on the public road in said county, without paying a tax or being subject to presentment, reported, that they have had the same under consideration, and believing the prayer of the petitioner unreasonable, ask leave for him to withdraw the said petition.

By order,

Which was twice read and concurred with.

The bill relative to licenses to retailers of spirituous liquors, licenses to retail spirituous liquors at horse races, and licenses to hawkers and pedlars, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Millard, Ordered unanimously, That the thanks of this house be presented to General William H. Marriott, for the able, and impartial manner in which he has discharged his duties as speaker of the house of delegates.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill relating to the governor and council of this state, and the bill to alter and amend the constitution relative to the oath to be taken by the senators and delegates, previous to the election of the governor and council, severally endorsed 'will pass,' ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill to authorise the orphans court of Calvert county, to cause the sale of the real estate of the late William Reynolds of Calvert county, endorsed 'will pass with the proposed amendment' which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The resolution relative to the contemplated road from Washington to New-Orleans, endorsed 'dissented from.' The resolution relative to licenses to wholesale merchants; and the resolution in favour of the clerk of the court of appeals, and register of wills for Talbot county, severally endorsed 'assented to.' And delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Rock Run turnpike road company, and a bill, entitled, An act to alter the constitution and form of government, by providing that all elections by a joint vote of the general assembly of Maryland shall be *viva voce*; severally endorsed 'will pass,' which were read. Also, communications from the Baltimore and Hartford Turnpike company; the Baltimore and Havre de Grace Turnpike Company; and the Baltimore and Reister's Town Turnpike Road Company; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Travers the following resolution was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized, to contract for such new furniture and repairs, as in their judgment may seem necessary and proper, in the rooms occupied by the two houses of assembly, and to draw upon the treasurer of the western shore for such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to carry this resolution into effect, before the meeting of the next general assembly.

On motion by Mr. Chapman the following resolution was read and assented to.

Resolved, That the clerks of the several county courts in this state, be and they are hereby instructed and required to report to the next general assembly, on or before the first Monday of January next, the situation of the dockets of their respective courts, that their reports shall specify how many causes remained on the trial dockets at the end of the term preceding such reports, also how many causes shall have been tried during the year 1825, how many suits brought, how many continued, and the cause for which each suit has been continued.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, An act to divorce Caroline R. Elvin, of Baltimore city.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to provide a revenue for the support of the government of this state; and the further supplement to the act, entitled. A supplement to the act laying duties on licenses to retailers of dry goods, and for other purposes, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.