

to the same rules and restrictions, and to give one vote for each and every share of the stock so held by the testator or intestate. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the president and directors of each and every of the banks respectively, incorporated and established as aforesaid, on the requisition, in writing, of five or more of the stockholders of the bank to which such president and directors shall at the time respectively belong, such stockholders not being directors or officers of such bank, to call a general meeting of the stockholders of such bank, for the purpose aforesaid, of which meeting notice shall be given three times at least, in each of three successive weeks, in two newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, one published at Annapolis, one at Easton, one at Frederick Town, and one at Hager's Town, in this state. And be it enacted, That the president and directors for the time being, of each and every bank, a general meeting of the stockholders whereof shall resolve in manner aforesaid to accept the powers conferred by this act, shall be and hereby are required to send forthwith a copy of the resolution so adopted to the clerk of the court of appeals for the western shore of this state, certified by such president under the common seal of the corporation, to be recorded among the records of the said court, which clerk is hereby required to record the said certificate accordingly. And be it enacted, That in case any of the banking companies aforesaid should invest any portion of their capital in any of the stocks authorised by this act, the amount thus invested shall be so far considered as a diminution of their capital stock, that they shall not be authorised to discount on the same." Determined in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Shall the bill as amended pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—None. **NEGATIVE.**—Mr. President, Messrs. Carmichael, Carroll, Cresap, Emerson, Gale, Harper, Holliday, Hughlett, Jackson, Magruder, Maxcy, Parnham.—13

Determined in the negative.

The bill for the benefit of St. John's College, was read the third time, and the question put, Shall the bill pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Carroll, Emerson, Jackson, Maxcy.—4.

NEGATIVE.—Mr. President, Messrs. Carmichael, Cresap, Gale, Harper, Holliday, Hughlett, Magruder, Parnham.—9.

Determined in the negative.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the division of Queen-Anne's county into election districts; which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. And returns a bill for the benefit of the Baltimore General Dispensary, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read the first time and laid on the table.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for completing an Episcopal church in Baltimore county, was read the third time and will pass with the proposed amendments:

Amendments proposed. 1st. In 2d line 1st sec. strike out "James Sterrett" and insert "James Latimer." 2d. Strike out 2d section.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 18, 1821.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion of Mr. Gale, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising the judges of the orphans court to bind out the children of free negroes and mulattoes. Ordered. That Messrs. Gale, Emerson and Holliday, bring in the same.

The bill to authorise James Stevens, and Mary Ann, alias Anna Maria his wife, to lease a lot or parcel of ground therein mentioned, was read the second time and laid on the table.

The senate resumed the consideration of the bill to annul the marriage of Joseph Price and Sarah his wife, which was read and will pass with the proposed amendment. Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word Maryland" 1st line enacting clause to the end of the bill and insert "that Joseph Price, of Caroline county, be and he is hereby divorced from bed, board and mutual cohabitation, with his wife Sarah Price. And be it enacted, That all property, either real or personal, which the said Joseph Price may hereafter acquire, shall be held, possessed and enjoyed, by the said Joseph Price, free and clear from all claim or claims which have arisen or may arise in consequence of the marriage heretofore had between the said Joseph Price and Sarah his wife."

On motion of Mr. Harper, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to discourage the vice of drunkenness, by preventing the recovery of small debts contracted for liquor. Ordered, That Messrs. Harper, Gale and Maxcy, bring in the same.

The bill for the relief of Sarah Cahall, of Caroline county, was read the second time and laid on the table.

The bill for the benefit of Martin Fenwick, was read the third time and will pass.

Mr. Harper from the committee reports a bill, entitled, An act to discourage the vice of drunkenness, by preventing the recovery of small debts contracted for ardent spirits or spirituous liquors; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

The bill for the benefit of the Bank of Caroline, was read the third time and will pass.

On motion of Mr. Carroll, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the executors of Joseph Thornburgh, of Baltimore county. Ordered, That Messrs. Carroll, Harper and Magruder, bring in the same.

The bill to prevent John Patterson, of Baltimore county, to bring certain negroes from Virginia into this state, was read the third time by special order, and postponed for further consideration.

The bill relating to the school fund for the city of Baltimore, was read the third time by special order and will pass.

The bill relative to habitual drunkards was read the second time and laid on the table.

Mr. Cresap from the committee reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the Cumberland Bank of Allegany; which was read the first time and laid on the table.