

The bill entitled, An act relating to the Union Bank of Maryland, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, the question was put, that the following be stricken out:

"Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt the said bank from the payment of twenty cents upon every hundred dollars of capital stock it actually does possess, and in the same ratio upon any augmentation of its capital." Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the word "now" was inserted after the word "does," in the said proviso.

On motion by Mr. Edelen, the words "it actually does now possess," were stricken thereout, and the words "as reduced by the law of 1821, chapter 166," inserted in lieu thereof. The question was then put, shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, the following order was read:

Ordered, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to enquire, and endeavor to ascertain, what sum of money the several banks who annually pay a tax for the establishment of free schools, will agree to pay into the treasury on their being released from the payment of the said tax, the said sums to be placed to the credit of the fund for the establishment of free schools.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1822.

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

The bill for the sale of the real estate of which Tobias Belt died seized, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Spence reports a supplement to the act entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one system the laws to direct descents; which was read.

The speaker laid before the house communications from the clerks of Somerset and Saint Mary's counties, relative to the attendance of the judges; read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

The bill for the relief of the afflicted child of William Mattingly, of Saint Mary's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Wootton, Ordered, that the governor and council be requested to furnish information to this house of the number of arms at present in the armory, their order and condition, the salary of the present armorer, and the terms of his contract.

Mr. Edelen reports a bill entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of Charles county; which was read.

Mr. Parker presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying for a road from Red or Gray's hill, to the Delaware line; and Mr. Sheredine presents a petition from other inhabitants of said county, counter thereto; read and referred to Messrs. Parker, Gerry and Sheredine.

The bill to authorise William F. Renoe to bring a slave into this state, was read the second time and will not pass.

On motion by Mr. Kilgour, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act regulating the amount of money that the examiner general of the state of Maryland shall be annually entitled to receive for his services.. Ordered, that Messrs. Kilgour, Wright and Loockerman, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Kilgour, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act explanatory of and supplemental to the acts of assembly providing for the importation of slaves into this state. Ordered, that Messrs. Kilgour, Stonestreet, Allen, Wright and Loockerman, report the same.

The supplement to the act entitled, An act for the benefit of Mary Scott, of Charles county, passed at December session 1821, chapter 82, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 20, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We propose that a joint committee of the senate and the house of delegates, be appointed to inspect the penitentiary during the Christmas adjournment. We have appointed Messrs. Millard, Cannell, Steele, Norris, Worthington, Farquhar and Allen, to join such gentlemen as may be named by the senate.

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

By order,

Mr. Steele presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying for a lottery to make a canal from the head of Black water river to the head of Parson's creek; read and referred to Messrs. Steele, Loockerman and Byus.

Mr. Loockerman presents a petition from Judith Eaton, widow of Richard Eaton, a revolutionary soldier; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Henry Kemp presents a petition from Samuel Lucy and others, persons of color, praying to be permitted to reside on an island in the Potomac river, purchased for them by the executor of William Jenkins, deceased, their former master; read and referred to Messrs. H. Kemp, Fisher and Farquhar.

Mr. Wootton reports a bill entitled, An act authorising the levy courts of Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties to levy a sum of money for building a bridge over Patuxent river, at Queen Ann's; which was read.

The bill for the relief of John Tessier, of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.