

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled, an act supplementary to an act for the relief of the poor of Prince George's county, passed December session, 1822, chapter 121; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Brownley, from the committee to whom was referred the bill relating to the appointment of constables in Harford county; reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendments, viz:— in the fourth line of the first enacting clause—after the word "country," strike out the word "they." 2d, strike out the second and third sections. Which amendments were read and assented to; and the bill being read as amended a second and by special order a third time, was passed and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Miller from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled, an act to repeal an act, entitled, an act to repeal an act, entitled a supplement to an act, entitled an act for the better protection of slave holders in the several counties therein mentioned, so far as the same relates to Dorchester county, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendment, viz: Strike out the title from the word, "entitled," where it first occurs therein to the end thereof, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "An act to repeal an act relating to the protection of slave holders in Dorchester county." Which amendment was read and assented to, and the bill being read as amended, a third time by special order, will pass with the proposed amendment.

The senate adjourns until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 15, 1823.

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

The bill to repeal an act entitled, an act to repeal an act entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act for the better protection of slaveholders in the several counties therein mentioned, so far as the same relates to Dorchester county, was read, amended, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the council delivered the following communication:

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Annapolis, December 15, 1823.

GEENTLEMEN—In compliance with the 47th section of the act entitled, 'An act respecting crimes and punishments, passed at November session, 1809. I have the honor to transmit to the General Assembly abstracts of the proceedings of the directors of the Maryland penitentiary.

I am with great respect, your ob't servant,

SAMUEL STEVENS.

To the Hon. the President of the Senate, & the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Which was read, and with the documents referred to therein, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates,

The president laid before the senate, a return of the clerk of Somerset county court, of the attendance of the judges of said court; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill to repeal the laws now in force for the destruction of crows in Caroline county; the bill to revive an act for the preservation of the breed of wild deer in Somerset and Dorchester counties so far as relates to Dorchester county; the bill for the destruction of Panthers in Allegany county, were read a second time and laid on the table. The bill for the relief of Catharine Fridley, of Washington county, was read a second time and referred to Messrs Chambers, Cockey and Claude. On motion the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Harding of the city of Baltimore, was referred to Messrs Chambers, Cockey and Claude.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Nancy Cox, of Charles county, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs Claude, Orrell and Quinton. Also a bill entitled, an act for the relief of George W. Neale, of Charles county & for other purposes; which was read the first time and laid on the table. Also a bill entitled, an act to authorise John Mason, of Worcester county, to import certain slaves into this state; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs Quinton, Kent and Bowie. Also a bill entitled, an act for the support of Jemima Boyd, and her infant children, of Saint Mary's county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs Claude, Orrell and Dickinson.

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

TUESDAY, December 16, 1823.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Bowie appeared in the senate.

Mr. Winder submitted the following resolution; which was read and assented to:

Resolved, That the report of the commissioners appointed in pursuance of a resolution passed at December session 1822, to lay out and survey a route for a canal which will connect the waters of the Susquehanna with the city of Baltimore, &c. be referred to a committee with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Winder submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

The Senate and House of Delegates of the General Assembly of Maryland, contemplate with great satisfaction the state of their country and government, as exhibited in the full and luminous message of the president to the present congress:

The prosperous condition of the Treasury; the admirable system of prompt and accurate accountability in the disbursements of the War and Navy Departments—the augmentation and