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MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb 12, 1846.

The chair laid before the House, a communication from the clerk of Allegany county, in reply to an order of the House, giving a statement of the votes cast for the several delegates from that county.

Also a memorial from citizens of Somerset county, for the call of a convention to reform the constitution.

Mr. Hook presented a memorial from ladies and gentlemen of Carroll co., praying a change in the license law in regard to the sale of liquors.

Mr. Raisin presented a memorial from Isaac Parsons and others, of Kent county, relating to a school district therein mentioned.

Mr. Hollyday presented a memorial from Jas. W. Worth, for an act authorising the construction of a wharf near the mouth of Elk River, and that he be allowed to charge wharfage.

Mr. Trille and Mr. Smith presented petitions from citizens of Washington county, and Mr. Hollyday, from citizens of Cecil, for a change in the license law for the sale of liquors.

Mr. Smith presented a memorial from citizens of Washington county for a law giving jurisdiction to the orphans' court in certain cases therein mentioned.

Mr. Cox presented a petition from merchants in Baltimore and others for a change in the law relating to the inspection of fish.

Mr. Carpenter obtained leave to report a bill to repeal chapter 321 of 1843, relating to super-sealers of judgments rendered by justices and for other purposes, so far as relates to Charles county.

Mr. Frazier obtained leave to report a bill to appoint an additional constable for Cambridge district in Dorchester county.

Mr. Patterson obtained leave to report a bill

to change the place of holding elections in District No. 1 of Allegany county.

Mr. Coombes obtained leave to report a bill to provide for the appointment of a measurer and inspector of carpenter's work for St. Mary's county.

Mr. Schley reported a bill to take the sense of the people on the propriety of calling a convention of delegates, to be elected by the people, with authority to submit amendments of the State Constitution to a vote of the people, for their ratification or rejection; which was ordered to be printed and referred to the committee on the constitution.

Mr. Lowe obtained leave to report a bill to divorce Francis Thomas and S. C. P. Thomas, his wife, a vinculo matrimonii.

Mr. Kemp obtained leave to report a bill to repeal all such parts of the law to prevent the destruction of oysters, so far as relates to the use of the scoop or drag by citizens of the State.

Mr. Street submitted resolutions for allowing the people of Harford county to pay, at their option, to either the treasurer of the State or to the collector appointed by the authorities of said county, all taxes due to the State. Laid over.

Mr. McLane obtained leave to report a supplement to ch. 293 of 1834, relating to the insolvent debtors in this State.

The committee on ways and means reported unfavorably on the petition of citizens of Howard District, for a change in the mode of collecting taxes in said District.

The petition of citizens of Carroll county in regard to hawkers and pedlars.

The petition of citizens of Frederick, for a law to impose a tax of \$10 on constable's bonds.

The petition of John Randall, jr., to be refunded certain taxes. Severally concurred in by the House.

Mr. Johnson also reported a bill supplemental to ch. 23, of March ses., '41, for the valuation and assessment of property in this State, and to provide a tax to pay the debts of the State.

This bill repeals so much of said act as exempts from taxation the property of incorporated literary and charitable institutions, and exempts them to the amount of \$10,000 only.

The committee on colored population reported favorably on Senate bill supplemental to ch. 224, of 1833, relating to the people of color who are to be free after the expiration of a term of years. The bill authorizes the orphans' courts to order in the same manner that county courts now do under the original acts, the sale of slaves for terms of years, who are in the habit of running away. The bill was read and passed.

Mr. Hook reported a bill for the erection of a new election district in Carroll county; which, after debate between the delegates from that county, who were divided on the bill, was rejected by a vote of 33 to 37.

The committee on federal relations, to whom had been referred that portion of the Governor's message relative to the Oregon question, this morning, through Mr. Bowie, their chairman, made an elaborate report on that interesting subject, of which the House ordered 500 copies to be printed. Notice had been given that counter reports would be made on the subject.

The House took up the bill to repeal the 4th and 5th sections of the bill of last session to prevent illegal voting. Those sections relate to the stamping of naturalization papers. An amendment proposed by Mr. McLane, that the papers stamped at the last election be renewed on application, was adopted, and the bill passed; 69 yeas, 3 nays.

The unfavorable report of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, on the bill to compel Trustee or Trustees to give security, was taken up and the bill re-committed.

The House took up the supplement to the act to regulate conjugal rights as regards property, and the bill was referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

A bill supplemental to the direct tax law came up. The object of this bill is to enforce the collection of taxes in delinquent counties. It provides that if the Levy courts shall fail to impose the tax before the 1st of June in each and every year, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the Levy court to give notice thereof to the Governor within — days after that date, who shall appoint a tax board clothed with the powers prescribed by the act of 1843, ch. 208, and in case the said clerk fails or refuses to comply with this provision, he is subjected to a fine of \$1000, for the use of the State. The bill was passed without division.

The bill reported from the committee on education, to exempt from taxation for the benefit of the Caroline county academy, the property of Rixon Webb, a free negro, was taken up, and after debate, rejected.