

On motion by Mr. Potts, the words "as may be required by the party applying" were stricken out. The order being read throughout and amended, the question was put, That the house adopt the same? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Long, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise William Waller, late sheriff and collector of Somerset county, further time to complete his collection. Ordered, That Messrs. Long, Dennis, and Haynie, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Potts delivers a bill, entitled, An act to prevent fraudulent sales of flour and whiskey; which was read.

Mr. Bowles delivers a petition from the levy court of Washington county, praying that a law may pass authorising them to increase the allowance of supervisors of roads in said county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Bowles, Williams and Schnebly.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, the house proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. The bill being read throughout, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

		AFFIRMATIVE.			
Mr Speaker		Stoddert	Posey	3	
		NEGATIVE.			
Blakistone	Showers	Thomas	Handy	Glenn	Schnebly
Causin	Hambleton	Frey	I Mitchell	Driver	Hager
Whittington	Hands	F M Hall	Potts	Houston	Watkins
Sellman	Banning	Semmes	Taney	M Donald	Lanham
R Dorsey	Dennis	Duvall	Howard	Culbreth	R K Watts
T H Dorsey	Long	Roberts	Davis	W Stewart	Cresap
C Stewart	Pitt	Harrison	Sewell	Kell	Ridgely
Jenkins	Lecompte	Stevens	Bradford	Williams	Prather
Warner	Griffith	Selby	H Hall	Bowles	Tomlinson
Price	A D Mitchell				

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly of this state, and for other purposes, be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Potts, the house proceeded to the second reading of the resolution relative to the salary of the printer. On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the question was put, That the further consideration of the said resolution be referred to the 1st day of June next? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Potts moved to fill up the blank in the said resolution with \$ 1,200. On motion by Mr. Duvall, the question was put, That the said blank be filled up with \$ 1,443? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, the question was put, That the said blank be filled up with "1450 dollars?" Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. R. K. Watts, the question was put, That the said blank be filled up with 1400 dollars? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

		AFFIRMATIVE.			
Mr Speaker	Stoddert	Long	Duvall	Glenn	Williams
Ringgold	Jenkins	Haynie	Roberts	Houston	Schnebly
Whittington	Posey	Pitt	Harrison	M Donald	Watkins
Sellman	Warner	Lecompte	Sewell	Culbreth	Lanham
R Dorsey	Hambleton	Frey	Bradford	W Stewart	R K Watts
T H Dorsey	Hands	F M Hall	H Hall	Kell	Cresap
C Stewart	Banning				
		NEGATIVE.			
Blakistone	Dennis	Thomas	Handy	Howard	Hager
Causin	Hart	Semmes	I Mitchell	Davis	Ridgely
Price	Griffith	Stevens	Potts	Driver	Tomlinson
Showers	A D Mitchell	Selby	Taney	Bowles	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution being read throughout, the question was put, That the house assent to the same? Resolved in the affirmative, and the resolution sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house the following letter from the treasurer of the western shore.

TREASURY OFFICE, Annapolis, January 8, 1817.

SIR—In compliance with the order of the house of delegates of the 8th instant, requesting the reasons which influenced me in rejecting the notes offered in payment at this office by the treasurer of the eastern shore, I have the honour to state, that the notes offered were such as the state creditors refuse to receive in payment of the debts due by the state. I have the honour to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant

B. HARWOOD, T. W. S. Md.

The Honourable the Speaker of the House of Delegates.  
Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Long delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise William Waller, late sheriff and collector of Somerset county, further time to complete his collection; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners for the purpose of dividing Dorchester county into five separate election districts. Ordered, That Messrs. Lecompte, Griffith and Hart, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill for the relief of John Hoyer and Mary Hoyer, of Cumberland, Allegany county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Kell delivers a petition from Thomas Hutchins, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The bill to open, straighten and amend, the public road leading from Church-Hill to Sudler's Creek, Roads in Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Bradford delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, and York and Lancaster counties in Pennsylvania, praying for a law prohibiting the setting of gilling seines at the mouth of the Susquehanna river; which was read and referred to Messrs. Bradford, Sewell and Kell.