

Which was read the first and second time by special order and concurred in.

The bill for the relief of Charlotte Philips, of Frederick county, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the following resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, that the treasurer of the eastern shore be credited in his account with the treasurer of the western shore for the sum of one thousand and two dollars, which said sum is composed of the notes of the Somerset Bank, received by the treasurer of the eastern shore during the last year, in virtue of a resolution No. 5 of December session, 1816, and the instruction of the treasurer of the western shore made in pursuance thereof.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to provide for the opening and extension of Pratt-street, in the city of Baltimore, Mr. W. R. Stewart, in the chair, and after some time spent therein, the committee rose, and the chairman reported the said bill with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Kell, the question was put, That the house dispense with the 16th rule for the purpose of giving the said bill a second reading by special order? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house then proceeded to the second reading of said bill.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the question was put, That the words "lying within or adjacent to the said street," in the third section, be stricken out? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr Speaker	Blakistone	Brawner	Murray	Claggett	Tingle	
Jones	Grahame	Garner	Griffith	Henry	Hawkins	16
Causin	Turner	Jenifer	Semmes			

NEGATIVE.

Knight	Showers	Long	Harrison	Steel	Yates	
Eccleston	Snowden	Haynie	W R Stewart	Davis	Schnebly	
Neale	Johnson	Lecompte	Wilson	Whitby	Kenedy	
Estep	Martin	Pearce	Handy	Saulsbury	Gaither	
C Stewart	Stevens	Tyson	Downey	Whitely	Forrest	
T H Dorsey	Nabb	Thomas	Buckey	Kell	Linthicum	
R Dorsey	Tenant	Beard	Bradford	Woodyear	Scott	
Price	Carroll	Digges	Sewell	Sweitzer	Tidball	48

So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Wilson moved to insert at the end of the third section the following, to wit: And be it enacted, that the said commissioners, after having ascertained the damages as aforesaid, and made an estimate of the expence of executing their agency herein, including a reasonable compensation to their surveyor and clerk, whom they are hereby authorised to employ, shall under their hands and seals, make a full and particular report thereof to Baltimore county court, designating precisely the property ascertained to be injured, the several sums awarded, the names of the proprietors of said property, as fully as can be ascertained, and also their respective rights: And whereas, the opening and extension of said street will operate as a great public benefit, and it is supposed will also greatly enhance the value of property on the streets in its neighbourhood: And whereas, by the bill of rights, no power exists to tax individuals to pay the expences incurred in the completion of a great public object, therefore, Be it enacted, That the damages and expences aforesaid shall be paid by the mayor and city council of Baltimore, except such portions thereof as shall be voluntarily contributed by individuals or bodies corporate, who may in any way conceive their interests to be promoted by the opening and extension of said street; provided always, that the said mayor and city council shall have the power of carrying, or of refusing to carry this act into effect, as they in their discretion may think the interests of the city require.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the question was put, To amend the said amendment by striking out the words "by the bill of rights no power exists to tax individuals to pay the expences incurred in the completion of a great public object," for the purpose of inserting the following in lieu thereof, "it would be improper and unreasonable to tax particular individuals to effect an object of admitted great public benefit?" Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house adopt the amendment proposed by Mr. Wilson? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow.

AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr. Speaker	Gray	Garner	Lecompte	Claggett	Tingle	
Jones	Grahame	Jenifer	Griffith	Wilson	Hawkins	
Causin	Turner	Carroll	Keene	Henry	Gaither	
Blakistone	Brawner	Murray	Semmes			22

NEGATIVE.

Knight	Showers	Haynie	Harrison	Davis	Yates	
Eccleston	Snowden	Pitt	W R Stewart	Whitby	Schnebly	
Neale	Johnson	Pearce	Downey	Saulsbury	Kennedy	
Estep	Martin	Tyson	Buckey	Whitely	Forrest	
C Stewart	Stevens	Thomas	Bradford	Kell	Linthicum	
T H Dorsey	Nabb	Beard	Sewell	Woodyear	Scott	
R Dorsey	Tenant	Digges	Steel	Sweitzer	Tidball	
Price	Long	Somerville				45

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the question was put, That the words "of which said sum one third shall be paid by the mayor and city council of Baltimore," be stricken out of the 4th section for the purpose of inserting the following words: "provided, that the said proportion shall in no case be less than one third of the whole sum required?" The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr. Speaker	Gray	Garner	Griffith	Claggett	Hawkins	
Jones	Weems	Jenifer	Keene	Wilson	Downey	
Causin	Grahame	Carroll	Pearce	Handy	Gaither	
Blakistone	Turner	Murray	Somerville	Henry	Tidball	
Eccleston	Brawner	Lecompte	Semmes	Tingle		