

closed so soon as we expected. We therefore propose, with the concurrence of your honorable body to invite the governor to the senate chamber at 5 o'clock on the 22nd, to sign such bills as are ready for his signature. *Messrs.* are put in nomination by this house, to wait upon his excellency to invite him to the senate chamber for the purpose aforesaid.

Mr. Roberts presents a petition from James Hays, of Queen Anne's county, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Roberts, Meconiken and Wright.

On motion by Mr. Thomas Kennedy, the following resolutions were read and assented to:

*Resolved*, That all proceedings at the suit of the state against the estate of Benjamin Harris, formerly sheriff of Calvert county, lately deceased, and against his securities, be and they hereby are suspended until the next meeting of the legislature.

*Resolved*, That all proceedings on a judgment rendered against John Clare, late sheriff of Calvert county, and his securities, be and they hereby are suspended until the first day of September, 1825; *Provided*, that the said John Clare shall pay to the treasurer of the western shore one half of the debt due to the state, with all the interest and costs, on or before the first day of September, 1824, and the other half, with all the interest and any additional costs that may accrue, on or before the first day of September, 1825; *Provided*, that if the first payment is not punctually made at or before the time specified, then this resolution shall be considered null and void.

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to credit the said John Clare with the sum of ninety-nine dollars, or such part of the same as may be proven to the satisfaction of the treasurer that the said Clare is entitled to a credit for, on account of certain americiaments charged by the state to the said John Clare, the list of which he contends never was put into his hands for collection.

The resolution relative to Talbot county court house, was read the second time, on motion by Mr. Norris, the question was put, that the words "treasurer of the western shore" be stricken out, for the purpose of inserting the words "levy court of Talbot county?" Determined in the negative.

The blank was filled up with five hundred dollars, and the question put, that the house assent to the resolution? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

**AFFIRMATIVE.**—Messrs. Speaker, Stone, Massey, Hodges, Smith, Rogerson, Loockerman, Lloyd, Dennis, Sheredine, Parker, Gerry, Cosden, Hughes, Carroll, Wright, Thomas, Farquhar, Fisher, Purviance, T. Kennedy, Drury, Keller, Galloway, Williams, A. Lee, Pollard—27

**NEGATIVE.**—Messrs. Millard, G. Leigh, Maddox, Estep, Howard, Dalrymple, Edelen, Stansbury, Worthington, Jones, Teackle, Willis, Roberts, Slemaker, Riley, Norris, Boon, Saulsbury, Douglass, Duvall, Hoffman.—21. Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of John S. Blake, sheriff of Queen Anne's county; the further supplement to an act, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the river Delaware and Chesapeake bay; the bill for the relief of Thomas N. Burdett, and the bill for the relief of Nathaniel Boggs, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill relative to trespasses quare clausum fregit, and the additional supplement to an act relating to the administration of justice in this state, passed at December session, 1801, chapter 74, endorsed, "will not pass." Also the bill in favor of William Wright, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to and the bill ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill to alter and change all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the oaths to be taken by the members of the senate and house of delegates, with the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 21, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the house of delegates*—The senate have rejected your amendments to the bill entitled, An act to alter and change all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the oaths to be taken by the members of the senate and house of delegates, because you have not amended the title so as to make it correspond with the bill. The senate consider they have no authority now so to amend it. If this however be done by you, the bill will meet the approbation of the senate.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, the following was adopted as an amendment to the amendments to the bill mentioned in said message: After the word "delegates" in the title, insert "and all other officers therein mentioned," and the bill returned to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution for surveying the route for a canal from Baltimore to the Potomac river; the resolution in favor of William Gist, and others; John Quynn and Andrew Slicer; Thompson Randolph; John Carter, and the resolution relative to the Library company; severally endorsed "assented to," also the resolution relative to the distribution of the laws and votes and proceedings, and the resolution relative to a route for a canal from Baltimore to Susquehanna, endorsed "assented to with the proposed amendments;" which were assented to. And the following messages:

BY THE SENATE, February 21, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—We cannot consider the senate authorized by parliamentary usage to propose the amendments suggested in your message of the 19th inst. relating to the bill, entitled, "An act appointing commissioners to extend Washington-street in Rockville, and for other purposes." As the most ready mode of accomplishing your wishes upon this subject, the senate respectfully propose a conference, and with your concurrence, have appointed Messrs. Wootton, Kent and Dickinson, to confer with such gentlemen as may be appointed by your honorable body, for this purpose.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.