

Dennis, Wootton, Semmes, Hughes, Elijah Barwick, Boon, Ed. Barwick, Merrick, W. Duvall—17.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

**AFFIRMATIVE**—Messrs Speaker, Millard, Dorsey, Linthicum, Igelhart, Skinner, Chesley, Edelen, Rogerson, J. T. H. Worthington, Fly, Loockerman, Martin, Lloyd, Spencer, Dashiell, Henderson, Bryan, Semmes, Wootton, Hughes, Hopper, Purnell, Riley, Turbutt, Fisher, Whiteford, Sewell, Steel, Boon, W. Stewart, Johnson, W. G. D. Worthington, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, Peter, Williams, Sprigg—59.

**NEGATIVE**—Messrs Ireland, Coburn, Gale, Hodges, Garner, Gerry, Meconiken, Moffett, Nicholson, Cromwell, Norris, Douglass, Ed. Barwick, W. Duvall, Bruce, M'Mahon, M'Henry—17. Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplement to an act entitled, an act for altering the road from Baltimore city to Belle Air, in Harford county; the bill to alter the time of holding the county courts of Frederick county, and the bill to tax certain offices; severally endorsed, "will pass;" ordered to be engrossed. Also a bill entitled, an additional supplement to the act entitled, an act to authorise a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum of money for the purpose of repairing and raising a fund for the use of Washington college; endorsed, "will pass;" which was read. And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 14, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—The senate concur in your proposal that a committee of conference be appointed to take into consideration the Baltimore Canal bill, and have appointed Messrs. Johnson, Cockey and Chambers to constitute this committee on the part of the senate.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

Mr. Semmes obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to incorporate the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company. Ordered, that Messrs Semmes, Gerry and Merrick, report the same. Mr. Semmes reports said bill; which was read.

Mr. Hughes delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Hon. Jeremiah Townly Chase Chief Judge of the third Judicial district of this state, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report, that they have regarded the application of the memorialist with a sincere desire to arrive to a just conclusion upon the real merit of the claim, as being no less due to the character of the state than to the highly respectable and venerable source from whence the claim is urged. After the most mature deliberation however the committee are of opinion that the claim of the memorialist cannot be sustained, they therefore recommended that the memorialist have leave to withdraw his memorial.

Which was read.

Mr. Loockerman delivers the following report:

The committee of Grievances and courts of justice to whom was referred the petition of certain members of the bar of Frederick county, praying for the establishment of a separate criminal Jurisdiction, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and from the best information they have been enable to procure, are taught to believe that a bill which has passed the house of delegates altering the time of meeting of the Frederick county court, will by allowing that court a longer session, in a great degree if not entirely remove the grievance complained of by the said petition; your committee are therefore disposed from this consideration that this experiment should be fairly tested, which if it accomplish the object intended, would render any act of legislation unnecessary, your committee therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

By order,

JOHN DOUGLAS, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr W. G. D. Worthington delivers the following report:

The joint committee to whom was referred the consideration of the propriety of revising and publishing the constitution beg leave to report: That they have considered the subject and after the most mature reflection, find themselves compelled to doubt the policy of introducing the several alterations suggested in the bills referred to them; the committee are deeply sensible of the danger of frequent changes in the constitution for trivial causes, and that whatever speculative difficulties may be from time to time imputed to its existing provisions, yet it is always to be remembered, that the utility of the projected improvements, can be only hypothetical; in the reflection which the committee have been called on to indulge on this occasion, a majority of them have not been satisfied, that the interest or the inclination of the people of the state, require any change in the present constitution, except so far as respects the executive department of the government; the committee believe that experience has sanctioned the opinion that to render this department as useful and efficient as it ought to be, it is necessary that the Governor should be elected for three years, and not be eligible for the three succeeding years, that he should have the appointment of the officers of the state, subject to the confirmation of the senate, and should receive a salary proportioned to the increased duties and responsibility of the office—This change will necessarily require that the council shall be abolished, and that a secretary to be appointed by the governor shall be provided for; the committee believe that the contemplated alteration will give existence to an executive department which without an increase of cost to the state, will be efficient, useful and responsible; the committee beg leave further to report, that the constitution with the alterations previously made thereto, were published in 1818, with the laws of Maryland, edited by the late Chancellor Kilty and others. and that the few alterations since made, are readily to be ascertained c