

The indications which late proceedings of the legislature present, have sanctioned the inference, that in the depressed state of the public treasury the colleges which form the university of Maryland, will not receive pecuniary aid, by an appropriation from the treasury, to an amount exceeding the limited sum now received by those colleges.

The committee are satisfied of the useful and flourishing progress of Washington College, which has for some years past given instruction to an average of about seventy students, and believing that the fund to be raised, will be most meritoriously applied, and that it is but reasonable that the colleges should be placed on the same footing, have prepared a bill to effect the object of the petitioners, the passage of which they recommend.

By order,

T. H. LOOCKERNAM, Clerk.

And reported 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; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Johnson presented the petition of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, John E. Howard, Robert Smith and William Patterson and others, citizens of Baltimore, praying that the Baltimore Canal bill may not pass, if it gives the mayor and city council of Baltimore authority to make the canal at the expense of the city; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to tax certain offices, the same being the order of the day, and after considerable discussion, the question was put, "shall the said bill pass?" The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows.

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs Brownley, Cockey, Dickenson, Fenwick, Kent, Orrell, Quinton—7.

NEGATIVE—Messrs Stuart Pres't, Bowie, Chambers, Claude, Johnson—5. Determined in the affirmative.

Mr Johnson offered the following message, which was read and laid on the table.

BY THE SENATE, February 13, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.—The present depressed state of our treasury requiring the adoption of a system of strict economy, the senate would respectfully suggest that the per diem of the members of the legislature at the present session & hereafter, should be reduced to two, or at any rate to three dollars per day, and that the same reduction should be made in the compensation of our officers. There may be some difficulty in making this reduction apply to all the members and officers, because some may have already received a part of their compensation, but it appears to the senate, that provision may be made to make such refund to the treasury one or two dollars on every four that may have been paid them. It will be perceived by your honorable body, that the reduction here suggested would, provided it was only the lesser sum proposed, save to the state annually at least \$8000; if the larger at least \$1,6000—either of which sums would be under the existing state of things of great importance to the treasury. The senate supposing that justice and liberality both require that if economy be necessary, it should be first commenced by measures effecting the members of the legislature individually, respectfully submit the subject of this message to the judgment of your house with whom only the measure it proposes can originate.

The senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 14, 1824.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Bowie. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to tax certain offices was returned to the house of delegates.

The bill to appoint commissioners to review the ninth and part of the tenth election districts in Baltimore county, and establish a proper place for holding the election, was read a second time and laid on the table.

The bill to alter the time of holding the county courts of Frederick county, was read a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

On motion the bill to authorise the clerk of Queen Ann's county to record a deed of manumission, was referred to Messrs. Johnson, Kent and Orrell.

The additional supplement to an act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Nanticoke river at or near Vianna, in Dorchester county; the further supplement to the act for the establishment and regulation of Levy courts in the several counties of this state; and the further supplement to the act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the name of the Cumberland bank of Allegany; were read a second time and laid on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message, which was read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 13, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate,—We have received the memorial of sundry citizens of Baltimore city, from your honorable body, respecting the contemplated Baltimore canal.

At this late period of the session, with a view to mature and facilitate in an especial manner, a law for the making of the said canal, we have after considerable discussion recommitted the bill brought forward in this house on that subject. And to make the same more perfect have appointed a committee of five, consisting of Messrs. W. G. D. Worthington, W. Stewart; Sewell, Hopper and Henderson; and respectfully suggest, if it meets your approbation, that a committee be appointed by your honorable body to confer with the aforesaid gentlemen that they may jointly agree upon and report a more perfect bill on this matter, so highly important and interesting not only to that particular portion of our country, but to the state in general.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clerk.