

to discharge that officer of the *duty* prescribed by the resolution of 1785, but simply to repeal so much thereof as relates to the compensation, that being otherwise provided for; and we deem it necessary to repeal those resolutions, as otherwise should the civil list bill be at any future time passed in its *customary* shape, a greater allowance might be drawn from the treasury by virtue of them, than might be contemplated by the legislature.

By order,

J. BREWER, CLK.

Also a resolution in favor of John Quynn and Andrew Slicer; which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates. Also a resolution relative to paying for newspapers; which was read, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates. Also a bill entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act concerning crimes and punishments; which was read the first and by special order a second and third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates. And returned the bill to change the religious test required by the constitution and form of government of this state, and the supplement to the act against excessive usury, severally endorsed, "will not pass." Also the bill relating to Baltimore city court, endorsed, "will pass," and it was ordered to be engrossed. Also the resolution repealing resolutions, and the resolution relative to the state agents.

Mr. Johnson offered the following message; which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

BY THE SENATE, Feb. 26, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—The senate are prepared with your concurrence to close the session to day, and have appointed Messrs Johnson and Quinton to join such gentlemen as you may select, to request the attendance of the governor in the senate chamber at 12 o'clock, to sign the remainder of the engrossed bills. By order, W. KILTY, CLK.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a resolution relative to extra committed clerks. A resolution relative to the commissioners of the tax. A resolution in favor of Thomas Franklin and Lewis Neth, Jr. which were read, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates. Also a resolution relative to the commissioners of the Potomac Canal, and a resolution in favor of R. G. Belt; which were read the first time and laid on the table. Also a bill to divorce Amelia Maddox and Samuel H. Maddox, her husband, of the city of Baltimore; which was read, passed and returned to the house of delegates. And returned the bill to authorise an exchange of certain lots of ground lying in the city of Baltimore, endorsed, "will pass," and it was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Bowie asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, an act to alter and amend the constitution and form of government of this state, so as to limit the duration of the sessions of the legislature to two months.

Mr. Bowie from the committee reported the said bill, and it was twice read, and the question was put, "shall the bill be engrossed for a third reading?" Determined in the negative.

Mr. Johnson offered the following message, which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates with the resolution to which it refers. BY THE SENATE, Feb. 26, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—The reason which influenced the senate to amend your resolution repealing those passed in 1785, 1806 and 1819, was that what your house considered only as a part of the resolve of 1785 is in reference to the design of the then legislature, in legal effect the whole of it. By turning to that resolve, you will find that there is nothing in it making it the duty of the messenger of the council to take care of the state house, but the preamble taken in connection with the resolution itself. Repeal the preamble & you defeat the object of the legislature; repeal the resolution and the consequence is the same. The senate being under this impression, feel compelled to adhere to their amendment.

By order,

W. KILTY, CLK.

The senate reconsidered the resolution relative to the states' agents; and the same was amended, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the council delivered a communication from the executive, enclosing a letter from A. Grimbald, Esq. Secretary of State of Mississippi, transmitting a resolution of the House of Representatives of that state, approving the sentiments of the President of the United States on certain subjects; which were read and transmitted to the house of delegates.

Mr. Johnson offered the following message; which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

BY THE SENATE, Feb. 26, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—In compliance with your request, the senate have reconsidered the resolution relating to the states' agents, and have passed it with amendments, which we hope will meet your approbation. The agent for this shore conceived that the act of 1821, under which he was appointed, authorised him to collect and charge a commission on nearly all the current revenue of the state on this shore. The senate are convinced that such a construction of the act in question, is erroneous, and with a view to put the question beyond doubt, so far at least as they can by amending the resolution submitted to them, they have amended it so as to limit the commissions of the agents to debts which were due the state at the passage of the act of 1821, chapter 190, & collected through their exertions. W. KILTY, CLK.

The engrossed bills from No. 189 to 196 inclusive, were read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates. The resolution relative to the commissioners of the Potomac Canal, was twice read, amended, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates. The resolution in favor of Richard G. Belt, was twice read, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message; which was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 26, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We have received your message proposing to close the session today, and concur therewith, and have appointed Messrs J. T. H. Worthington and Hodges