

Brewer, for the Farmers Bank of Maryland; William Clark and Lambert W. Spencer, for the Easton Bank; Jeremiah Taylor for the Elkton Bank; David Schnebly and John Van Lear, for the Hager's Town Bank, having had a majority of all the votes of the attending members of the legislature, were duly elected directors on the part of the state in the several banks for and during the time prescribed by law.

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

FRIDAY, February 11, 1825.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Mr. Tilghman appeared in the senate. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion by Mr. Bowie, the question was put, Will the senate amend the 15th rule of the senate, by inserting after the word "resolution" the words "on motion proposing a message to the house of delegates?" Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the supplementary act to an act to incorporate the trustees of the Franklin Academy or School in Baltimore county, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass. The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the benefit of the heirs of Patrick Kennedy, late of Cecil county, deceased, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass. The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the bill to enable William H. Wilson, of Baltimore county, to purchase and hold real property in this state, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass. The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill for the relief of Edward Ellsworth, of the city of New York, was read a third time, passed with the proposed amendment, and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill to enable the mayor and city council of Frederick to receive a bequest for the purposes therein mentioned, was read a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of John Middleton, of Prince George's county, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass. The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, amended, passed with the proposed amendment, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Bowie from the committee to whom was referred the resolution in favour of Alexander Robertson of Allegany county, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass. The resolution was then read a second, and by special order a third time, amended, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates returned the supplement to an act against excessive usury, endorsed, "will not pass." And delivered a resolution in favour of captain James Dooley; which was read the first, and by special order a third time, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Tilghman from the committee to whom was referred the bill to suspend the execution of the twelfth section of the supplement to a militia law, passed February twenty-fifth eighteen hundred and twenty-four, until the first day of July eighteen hundred and twenty-five, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought not to pass.

The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Scott offered the following message, which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates, with the bill to which it relates.

BY THE SENATE, February 11, 1825.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have learned with regret that your honourable body have rejected the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act against excessive usury, and have returned the said bill to your honourable body, and request that you will reconsider the same on the policy of the act to which this is a supplement, the provisions of which are intended to be modified by the proposed supplement; the senate will make no remarks, but in justification of the proposed amendment, they will observe, that the objects to be obtained by it are good faith and security in contracts. That great hardships have resulted to society from the construction which has been given to this statute, is apparent; that it has been made a sword, instead of a shield, is universally acknowledged. That it has been perverted from the uses for which it was intended, and is calculated to destroy that confidence which should subsist in our social relations and contracts with each other, is too evident to require an argument. That it has been made a trap, into which many unsuspecting men have been ensnared to their ruin, many cases might be adduced to prove. The senate will further observe that our statute of usury was modelled on the British statute, and that that statute has been already remodelled by provisions similar to those now again submitted to your consideration. And as the object of this bill is not to abolish the statute of usury, but merely to protect the fair and bona fide holder, without notice of any previous usury, the senate hope, that your honourable body will reconsider and pass the same.

By order, WM. KILTY, Ck.

Mr. Miller from the committee to whom was referred the bill supplementary to the act relating to the treasurers of the state on the eastern and western shore, the clerks of the court of appeals, the clerks of the several county courts, the clerk of the city court of Baltimore, the register in chancery, and the registers of wills in the several counties of this state, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass. The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Miller from the committee to whom was referred the supplement to an act to incorporate the village of Port Deposit in Cecil county, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass; and it was laid on the table.

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

SATURDAY, February 12, 1825.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The resolutions approving of the administration of James Monroe, President of the United States, was