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cellor in addition to his salary as chancellor and judge of the land office?" Determined in the affirmative.

The bill was then read, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates returned the bill for the relief of the Jews in Maryland, endorsed "will pass." And delivered a resolution in favour of Matthew Murray; which was read, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates. Also a resolution in favour of Richard Waller, and others; which was read, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates. Also a bill, entitled, An act to abolish the imprisonment of females for debt; which was three times read, passed, and returned to the house of delegates. Also the engrossed bills from No. 80 to No. 175, inclusive; which were read, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates. And returned the bill to change the mode of electing electors of president and vice president of the United States, and the bill for the relief of sundry poor persons in the several counties therein mentioned, endorsed "will not pass." And delivered a resolution in favour of William O'Hara; which was read, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates. Also a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the stockholders of the Bank of Baltimore; which was three times read, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates. And returned the bill to continue in force the acts of assembly which would expire with the present session, with the following message; which was read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 26, 1825

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We find ourselves driven to the painful necessity of dissenting from the amendment to the continuing act proposed by your honourable body. We conceive that we cannot, in conscience, longer continue to the chancellor the profuse and enormous salary which he now enjoys; we conceive that duty requires us to reduce it, and that there is nothing in our declaration of rights or constitution to inhibit it. What we have already refused to do directly, by at least four or five different votes of this house, we cannot consent to do indirectly, we stand pledged to our consciences to maintain, in every constitutional way, the ground we have occupied. We regret that this proposition has been so often coupled by your house with acts or propositions of a wholly different character, and in no wise dependent upon it. If your house has resolved to reject every continuing act, unless it also continues the acts giving the chancellor his present salary, and that the whole of the temporary laws of our state, some of which are of a highly important character, shall be set afloat, because your wishes in regard to the chancellor's salary cannot be gratified; we must lament that you have adopted what to us seems, an extraordinary principle, that the wheels of government shall stand still for the sake of a single individual. It seems to us to amount to a declaration, that you are determined not to concur with us in doing acts which both of us admit to be right and proper, because of a difference of opinion as to other acts of a wholly different character; we cannot be deterred from doing what we believe to be right, lest injurious consequences might result from it. With us, the rule has been adopted and adhered to in this instance, that we must pursue the right, so far as we can ascertain it, and if pernicious consequences flow from it, we must leave it to the people of this state to determine whether it is the consequence of our acts, or of your opposition to them. We therefore again return to you the general continuing act, in the hope that you will reconsider and pass it in its original form with its excepting clauses. By order.

J. BREWER, Clk.

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

BY THE SENATE, Feb. 26, 1825.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have again received the bill entitled, "An act to continue in force the acts of assembly which would expire with the present session," and also your accompanying message.

The sentiments of the senate have undergone no change in regard to the subject in controversy between your honourable body and themselves, but actuated alone by a desire to terminate the session, which has been already too long protracted, they have passed the said bill, content to leave the decision of the question to the people of Maryland.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

The bill to continue in force the acts of assembly which would expire with the present session, was then read, and the amendment heretofore adopted by the senate receded from, and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill to alter and change all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the election of delegates from the city of Annapolis, and for other purposes; which was three times read, and the question was put, "Shall the bill pass?" The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow: Affirmative—Messrs. Stuart, Prest. Orrell—2

Negative—Messrs. Bowie, Claude, Cockey, Dickinson, Kent, Miller, Scott, Thomas—8. Determined in the negative, and it was returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegate delivered a resolution in favour of Trueman Cross; which was three times read, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates. Also a resolution in favour of Jeremiah Hughes; which was three times read, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates. Also the journal of accounts, with a bill for the payment of the journal accounts; which was three times read, passed, and returned to the house of delegates. And returned the resolution relative to certain officers, endorsed "dissented from."

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

BY THE SENATE, Feb. 26, 1825.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

Thomas W. Lockerman, our committee clerk, has had great additional labour this session and we shall be gratified by the introduction of a resolution in your honourable body, giving him the additional compensation of fifty dollars.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

The engrossed bills from No. 193 to 205, inclusive, were read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates. The clerk of the house of delegates returned the said bills, endorsed, "assented to."

His excellency the governor having appeared in the senate chamber, it was ordered, That Messrs. Scott and Kent wait upon the speaker and members of the house of delegates, and inform them that his excellency the governor was attending in the senate chamber ready to sign and seal the laws, and request their attendance to witness the same.

The speaker, attended by the members of the house of delegates, appeared in the senate chamber, and the engrossed bills from No. 80 to No. 208, inclusive, were presented by the speaker to his excellency the governor, who signed and sealed the same in the presence of both houses.

The speaker, and members of the house of delegates, having retired from the senate chamber, the senate adjourned until the last Monday in December next.

Attest,

WM. KILTY, Clerk Senate of Maryland.