

The clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the bill to amend and reduce into system, the several acts concerning elections, heretofore rejected by the Senate, with the following message, which was read.

By the House of Delegates, Feb. 2, 1829.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return you the bill entitled, "an act to amend and reduce into system, the several acts concerning elections," and request that your honorable body will re-consider and pass the same.

This bill is mainly a compilation of the existing laws, upon this subject, which are dispersed through numerous volumes, and various acts, or parts of acts and their compilation has become necessary from the sub-divisions of counties into election districts, since the act of 1805, in so much that the Judges of elections in a majority of the districts, are virtually deprived of a proper knowledge of the law, and in consequence, many irregularities have occurred.

Although it may be possible, that under the next enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, an alteration of the Congressional, or electoral districts may be made, yet these are matters distinct and separate from the mode of conducting the different elections and may with propriety form the subjects of separate enactments.

The obvious necessity of this measure, and a desire to indulge the common wish in the adoption of this system, have carried the bill through this House by a concurrence nearly approaching to unanimity.

We trust that upon a re-consideration your honorable body will perceive that your objections are not insuperable.

By order,

Gideon Pearce, Clk.

Mr. Smith presented a petition from the proprietors of the Susquehannah Canal, praying the authority to mark and bound their lands, and for other purposes, which was read and referred to Messrs. Smith, Sewell and Heath.

The clerk of the House of Delegates delivered a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of certain proprietors of lots, in the City of Baltimore, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Heath, Thomas and Smith.

On motion of Mr. Heath, the question was put, "will the Senate re-consider the bill entitled, an act to amend and reduce into system, the several acts concerning elections. Determined in the affirmative.