

counts, which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Also, delivered a bill entitled, an act relating to the sinking funds of this state, which was read the first time and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Also, a bill entitled, an act to incorporate "the Olive Branch Beneficial Society of Baltimore," which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Smith, Kennedy and Heath.

Also, a bill entitled, an act to relinquish the right of the state, to the personal property of Elizabeth Jackson, deceased, and to transfer the same to Mary Elizabeth Ringgold, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Harrison, Whiteley and Sewell.

Also, the bill to authorise the issuing of attachments by Justices of the Peace for the recovery of small debts, heretofore rejected by the Senate, accompanied by the following message, which was read.

By the House of Delegates, February 14, 1829.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Permit us to return to you, the bill entitled, an act to authorise the issuing of attachments by Justices of the Peace for the recovery of small debts, with the hope that upon consideration you may be induced to pass the same. Upon an examination of the bill with the amendments engrafted on it in its progress through this house, it will be seen that every benefit and every security against vexations and oppressive proceedings under this act is provided for the absent debtor, which is secured to him by the existing attachment laws; and that the single effect of the passage of this bill will be to change the Court out of which the process of the attachments issues and thereby to give the creditor the same summary proceedings for the recovery of small debts which he would have if the process by warrant were adopted for the recovery of the same; and that thus it will render our system comfortable to the spirit of the restrictions heretofore imposed upon the jurisdiction of single Justices of the Peace in cases of small debts by making their jurisdiction dependant upon the amount sued for and not upon the process which may be adapted or may be necessary for its recovery.

By order,

Gideon Pearce, Clk.