

Mr. Heath, asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Forrest.

Mr. Heath, from the committee to whom was re committed the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of certain proprietors of lots in the city of Baltimore, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and were of opinion that the first amendment hertofore made by the Senate to the said bill ought to be receded from, but that the second amendment ought to be adhered to.

The said amendments were then read, and the question was put, 'will the Senate recede from the first amendment,'

Determined in the affirmative.

The question was then put on adhering to the second amendment.

And it was determined in the affirmative.

The said bill was then read the first and by special order a second and third time and passed.

Mr. Heath then 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, March 8, 1820.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates

The Senate have reconsidered the amendments to the Bill from your honorable body entitled, an act for the benefit of certain proprietors of lots in the city of Baltimore, and recede from their first, but adhere to the second amendment. In the year 1817, it was deemed necessary to adopt a general plan to which the future extension and improvement of the city of Baltimore should conform. The health, convenience and appearance of the city, all combine to require the adoption of some plan, commissioners were accordingly appointed under an act passed by the Legislature, and a plan matured with great trouble and at considerable expence was adopted. The bill from the house of delegates destroys in part that plan, and it passed, would occasion other applications, that might ultimately lead to its entire destruction, under this view the Senate were unwilling to pass the bill without amendment, supposing it passable, however, the case in question might be one of great individual hardship and where the injury done to the public would be comparatively trifling. The Senate thought it proper to pass the bill with the amendment requiring the conformation of the bill by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, The