

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Also, a bill entitled, an act to exempt the Mount Hope Literary and Scientific Institution from taxation.

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Smith, Dennis and Kennedy.

Also, a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Mary Beckley, of Washington county.

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Kennedy, Sewell, and Rees.

And returned the bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Commercial Exchange company of Baltimore, endorsed, 'will pass.'

Ordered, that the said bill be engrossed.

And delivered the bill entitled, an act to confirm the title to property purchased at sales made by sheriffs, coroners, constables or elisors, heretofore rejected by the Senate, with the following message, which was read.

By the House of Delegates, March 12th, 1829.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return you the bill to confirm the title to property purchased at sheriffs sales, in the hope that you will reconsider and pass the same. Until the law of 1816, chapter 129, it was required that notices of the sales made under execution of land and Slaves should be published in one newspaper, if there should be any printed in the county. By that law it is made imperative on the selling officer to advertise in some newspapers, if any in the county. The compilers of the lands of the state have referred to this law in a note to that of 1813, chapter 102, and have given the singular instead of the plural number, and Latrobe's justice to which officers in the counties generally refer, makes use of the same term in the singular, although we are aware of its being generally conceded that it is necessary in contesting the sale of any property under execution, that objections be made on the return of the writ, the part of the bill which confirms sales already made is desirable to quiet apprehensions already felt by many who had not been apprised of the terms of the law, our principle motive of the bill however is to prevent any unnecessary accumulation of costs in future to the defendant by requiring notices of sales to be inserted in more than one newspaper, and to guard against future litigation, even if objections be made at the return of the writ.

By order,

Gideon Pearce, Clk.