

By the House of Delegates, Feb. 12. 1829.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee to inquire into the cost and circumstances attending the recording of certain chancery papers, under a resolution of the December session of 1823, and accede thereto. We have named on the part of this house Messrs. ———, to join the gentlemen named by your honourable body.

Which, being twice read, and the blank therein filled up with the names of Messrs. Hughes, M·Mahon of Baltimore city, Thomas, Hughlett and Gibbons, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, the house proceeded to consider the message to the senate, submitted by him yesterday, proposing to close the present session of the legislature on Saturday the 21st instant; and it was read the second time; when,

Mr. Lee proposed to amend the said message, by striking out 21st and inserting 28th.

Mr. Buskirk then moved that the said message, with the proposition to amend, do lie on the table.

And the question on the last motion, being put, was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. Lee to amend, and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. M·Pherson moved further to amend the said message, by appending at the end thereof, the following proviso:

“Provided, the house appoint a standing committee to examine the chancery records during the recess of the present session.”

And the question thereon being put, was decided in the negative.

The question was then put, Will the house accede to the message proposed, as amended? And it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Gantt offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, since the adoption of the state constitution, many amendments have been made thereto: And whereas it is difficult to understand the same without a careful examination of the original compared with the several amendments: And whereas it is right and proper that the good people of this state should properly understand that instrument, which is the foundation of their liberties; Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor and council be requested to have the constitution, as amended, and the bill of rights, annexed to each copy of the laws of the present session.

Which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the table.