

Annapolis, J. W. Butler, 1809,

Advertised in the Annapolis Maryland Republican, Aug. 19, 1809, as "Church Bill! For sale, Price 12 1/2 Cents, At the Office of the Maryland Republican ... A complete and correct copy of the Church Bill, reported by the Federal majority of the House of Delegates at the November session, 1808."

This bill, passed by the House but rejected by the Senate (Senate V. & P., Nov. sess. 1808, p. 40), aroused much controversy. On May 26, 1809, the resolutions committee presented to the annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church a report critical of the action of the General Assembly in rejecting the bill. For reference to an anti-Episcopal handbill distributed shortly before the advertisement above, see item 941.

No copy known.

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Maryland. General Assembly. House of Delegates.

[By the House of Delegates, June 7, 1809. Gentlemen of the Senate, We propose to go into the appointment of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States during the constitutional period. ... we propose, with the concurrence of your house, a conference, by joint committee of the two houses.

By the Senate, June 7, 1809. Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, Conceiving that the mode of electing senators ... has been fully established ... the senate have declined acceding to your proposition for the appointment of a committee of conference. Annapolis, Frederick Green, 1809]

"Ordered, That five hundred copies of the following described papers be printed for the use of the members of this house ... 2d. Our message of the 7th to the Senate, with their answer."—House V. & P., June sess. 1809, p. 16. On p. 21 appears a second order: "Ordered, That five hundred copies of all the proceedings and entries on the journals of this house during this session, relative to the appointment of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, including the yeas and nays on each question, in the order of time in which they appear on the journals, be printed for the use of the members, and forwarded in the usual manner." This action was taken on June 10, the day of adjournment. It is not clear whether it was intended to rescind the previous action and combine all the proceed-