

annual meeting. If you concur with us in this opinion, we suggest the propriety of fixing upon some day between the 20th day of February and the second day of May next.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

Which was read.

The amendments proposed to the bill to lay out and make public a road in Queen-Anne's county, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The following messages were read, agreed to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, January 20, 1808.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

IN consequence of the investment of the public money, made at the present session, in several banks in this state, we propose to proceed immediately to the election of two directors on the part of the state in the Farmers Bank, two in the Mechanics Bank, and one in the Hagar's-town Bank, and to save time, we recommend that the election of all the said directors be made at one balloting, and on one ticket, designating the particular bank for which each person is intended to be a director; and that a majority of the votes of all the members present be necessary to elect a director. David Kerr, junior, and John Sprigg Beit, are put in nomination by this house as directors of the Farmers Bank, Tobias E. Stansbury and Peter Little, as directors of the Mechanics Bank, and John Bowles, as director of the Hagar's-town Bank. And we appoint Mr. Winder and Mr. Porter, on the part of this house, to join the gentlemen that may be named by you, to count the ballots.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, January 20, 1808.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

WE cannot agree to your proposition for a spring session of the legislature; if the circumstances of the state require it, the executive of the state will cause the general assembly to be convened.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Mr. J. E. Spencer, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to fix and establish the pay of the adjutant-general and brigade inspectors; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On the second reading of the supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, the question was then put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the first day of June next? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs	W. H. Brown,	Grahame,	Rogerson,	Dennis,	B. Hodges,	Sudler,	Forwood,	Bowles,	
	Gardiner,	Stone,	Jackson,	Page,	Shaaff,	Sturgis,	Bayard,	Gabby,	
	C. D. Hodges,	C. Dorsey,	Winder,	Callis,	J. E. Spencer,	Dashiell,	T. Dorsey,	Darne.	27.
	Blake,	Green,	King,						

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Welch,	Harryman,	Stevens,	Cox,	J. Williams,	Ayres,	Boon,	Tomlinson,	
	Brice,	M. Brown,	Ennalls,	Porter,	Kuhn,	Jump,	Ray,	Greenwell.	18.
	O. Williams,	Kerr,							

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The engrossed bills from No. 41 to 84, inclusive, were read, assented to, and, with the paper bills thereof, sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following message was read, agreed to, and, with the bill therein mentioned, sent to the senate by the clerk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, January 20, 1808.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

WE return you the bill, entitled, An act to prevent for a limited time the sale of lands or tenements, goods or chattels, on writs of execution, and for other purposes therein mentioned; the great inconvenience and injury the people will necessarily experience in a very short time, should this bill not pass, has induced us to hope, that upon reconsideration it will meet your approbation.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

The bill annulling the marriage of James Barnes and Mable Barnes, of Talbot county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following order was read and unanimously assented to.

ORDERED, That the thanks of this house be given to Tobias E. Stansbury, Esquire, for the ability, attention and impartiality, with which he has, during this session, discharged the various duties of speaker of the house of delegates.

ORDERED, That the clerk of the council be directed to have bound, for the use of the house of delegates, six sets of the laws of congress, from volume 4th to the last session.

The resolution relative to the purchase of arms was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.