

Michael Snell, for loss sustained by him in the building of a bridge over the river Monocacy, at a place called Develbiss Ford, so far as they were occasioned by deviations from the terms of his contract, indispensable to the proper construction of said bridge; and if the result of said inquiry shall satisfy said court, that justice requires further compensation to be made to said Snell, the said court shall levy in two equal annual levies, upon the assessable property of said county, such compensation, not exceeding in the whole, one thousand dollars, as may be allowed by said court: Provided, That no allowance whatever shall be made, if the court shall be satisfied that the bridge could, without risk of its safety from floods of water, have been constructed under the conditions of the contract of said Snell."

Which were read, assented to, and the bill, as amended, ordered to be engrossed.

And the bill entitled, an act for the further relief of Isaac C. Anderson, sheriff and collector of Howard District of Anne Arundel county;

Endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment."

Amendment proposed:

In the third line after the word "collector" insert the words "of the county taxes;"

Which was read and assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

And delivered a bill entitled, an act to make valid a certain deed therein mentioned;

Read the first time and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

And the report of the commissioners of the school fund for Queen Anne's county, made in pursuance of the act of 1830, ch. 160;

Read and referred to the committee on Education.

The Secretary of State delivered the following communication from the Executive:

STATE DEPARTMENT,  
Annapolis, January 30th, 1843.

To the Honorable

The General Assembly:

Agreeably to their request, I have the honor to submit for your consideration, the communication of the presidents of the Petersburg and Richmond Rail Road Companies, proposing a reduction of the fare of passengers on the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road.

FRANCIS THOMAS.

RICHMOND, Va. January 12th, 1843.

His Excellency

FRANCIS THOMAS,

Governor of Maryland:

SIR,—In a communication of the Virginia Rail Road Companies, on the Northern and Southern mail route, in August last,