

Mr. Cottman, from the select committee to whom was referred the bill from the senate entitled, an act relating to partition fences, in Somerset county, reported favorably thereon;

Read the first and by special order the second time, and returned to the senate.

Also, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of William Miles and others, praying for a road, reported that the case is already provided for by the act of 1822, chapter 73;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Winder reported a bill entitled, an act to establish an additional election district in Somerset county;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. England reported a bill entitled, an act for regulating the action of justices of the peace in certain cases, in Montgomery county;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

The house then took up for consideration bills in order, entitled to a second reading—

The first in order is the bill entitled, an act in aid of the construction of a stone or other wharf, at Cambridge, in Dorchester county;

Read the second time passed and sent to the Senate.

The next in order is the bill entitled, an act authorising the commissioners of tax, of Carroll county, to levy a certain sum of money therein mentioned;

Read the second time passed and sent to the senate.

The next in order is the bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to authorise the commissioners of Cecil county, to levy a sum of money to build a bridge over North East Creek, in Cecil county, passed at December session, 1836, chapter 241:

Read the second time passed and sent to the senate.

The next in order is the bill entitled, an act authorising the levy court of Frederick county, in their discretion, to appoint commissioners to view a road designated No. 68 in said county, for the purposes therein named;

Read the second time passed and sent to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Tall,

The house reconsidered the bill entitled, an act relating to the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company;

Which was read.

Mr. Selby moved to amend said bill by striking out all after the "words "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland" and inserting the following:

"That the Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland, be and he is hereby authorised to open a negotiation with the individual stockholders of the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company, and purchase the shares of those willing to sell at the par value of the amount actually paid in on each share, provided that not less than one-half of the whole now held by bona-fide stockholders can be