

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Francis Herbert of St. Mary's county;

The bill entitled, an act for regulating the action of justices of the peace in certain cases in Montgomery county;

And the bill entitled, an act to divorce James Ridgely, of the city Baltimore from his wife Eliza G. Ridgely;

Severally endorsed, "will pass," and ordered to be engrossed.

And delivered a bill entitled, a supplement to the act, entitled, an act to regulate the municipal government of Howard District of Anne Arundel county;

Endorsed "will pass."

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

And returned the resolution relating to the State House;

Endorsed "dissented from."

Mr. England submitted the following message:

*By the House of Delegates,*

*March 19th, 1840.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We propose to raise a joint committee to consist of Messrs. England, McPherson, Tuck, Owens and Graves on the part of this house, and such members of your honorable body as you may on your part appoint to confer and suggest such measures as they may deem expedient, in aid of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and to make provision to maintain the credit, and discharge the obligations of the State.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

The house was called, and the door-keeper sent after the absent members in the city.

On motion of Mr. Owens,

The house proceeded with the ordinary business of the session in the absence of the door-keeper.

On motion of Mr. Owens,

Ordered, That Messrs. George and William Johnston, printers to this house, be and they are hereby directed to forward as soon as published by mail, and at the expense of the State to each member of this Legislature, one copy of the report with the accompanying documents, submitted by Mr. Mason, chairman of the committee on internal improvements on the 18th instant to the House of Delegates.

The door-keeper returned and reported that he had notified the absent members in the city, that their attendance was required in the house.

The house resumed the consideration of the message submitted by Mr. England.

Mr. Mason moved the previous question, and being demanded by a majority of the members present—the main question was then put. Will the house assent to the said message?