

The house took up the preamble and resolutions relating to the distribution of the proceeds of the public lands, &c. submitted by him on the 5th instant.

On motion of Mr. Starr,

They were made the order of the day for to-morrow week.

The doorkeeper returned and reported that he had notified the absent members that their attendance was required in the house.

The question being on the passage of the bill to abolish the offices of Topographical Engineer and Geologist;

Mr. Nicols of Caroline moved to refer the consideration of said bill to the 1st of March next;

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the passage of the said bill,

And on being put, it was

Determined in the affirmative;

And sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill to make valid an indenture of apprenticeship in favor of Samuel Sewell of Dorchester county;

And the bill entitled, an act regulating the compensation of the county surveyor, and prescribing certain duties therein mentioned, so far as the same relates to Cecil county; severally endorsed, "will pass," and ordered to be engrossed;

And the bill entitled, an act to secure to Mechanics and Laborers in Allegany, a lien upon all property upon which they make, erect houses, barns, mills and other tenements, also upon all such houses, barns, mills and other tenements erected, endorsed "will not pass."

On motion of Mr. Biser,

The house took up the bill entitled, an act to make valid judgments therein mentioned;

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Said bill was amended as follows:

Provided, That this act shall have no effect or operation with respect to judgments rendered as aforesaid, which prior to the passage of this act shall have been reversed on appeal to the county court of any county.

Add as additional sections, the following:

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That in all cases now depending on warrants made returnable as aforesaid, in which final judgment may not have been rendered, no exception shall be taken to the form of the warrants; but said cases shall be decided upon their merits, as if said warrants had been in due form of law.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That all sales under executions in due form of law, issued upon judgments rendered in cases in which the warrant was made returnable as aforesaid, shall have the same effect and operation in law to vest the title in the purchaser, as if said warrant had been in due form of law.

The question then recurred on the passage of the bill, as amended: