

The clerk of the Senate returned the bill entitled, a supplement to an act to incorporate the American Insurance Company of Baltimore;

Also, the bill entitled, an act to divide the State into six Congressional districts;

Also, the bill entitled, an act to confirm the proceedings of certain commissioners, and extend the time for making a road therein mentioned in Baltimore county;

Also, the bill entitled, an act to authorise the commissioners of Allegany county, to levy a sum of money, for the purpose therein mentioned;

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

Also, the resolution in favor of the collectors of the Direct Tax;

Endorsed "assented to," and the resolution ordered to be engrossed.

And delivered a petition of sundry citizens of Harford and Baltimore counties, relating to the Baltimore and Harford Turnpike Road Company;

Which was read referred to Messrs. Carroll, Poultney, Carey, Curley, Yellott and Polk.

And the following message.

*By the Senate,*

*January 13th, 1844.*

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee to wait on His Excellency the Governor, and invite his attendance in the Senate Chamber, on Tuesday next, at 4 o'clock, to sign and seal the engrossed bills, and concur therein.

We have appointed Messrs. Maulsby and Bowie, to join the gentlemen named by your honorable body.

By order,

Joseph H. Nicholson, clerk.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, of Talbot,

Ordered, That the treasurer report to this House, the amount of commissions that have been annually paid, and by whom received, in pursuance of chapter 390, of 1838, designating the amounts annually paid out of the free school fund, the sinking fund, the tobacco ware-house fund and the judges of Baltimore county court fund.

On motion of Mr. Hollyday,

Ordered, That the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, inquire into the expediency of bringing in a bill, for revising and fixing the rate of clerk's and register's fees—and should they deem it expedient, that they bring in a bill accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Reeder,

Ordered, That the committee on Colored Population, inquire into the propriety of repealing the law which imposes a penalty