

Also, the bill entitled, a further supplement to the act to regulate sales by public auction, passed at December session 1827, ch. 111; Severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;"

Which amendments were severally read the first and by a special order the second time, severally assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

And delivered the following bills originated in and passed by the Senate, viz :

A bill entitled, an act directing the commissioners of the tax of Dorchester county, to publish annually a statement of their receipts and disbursements;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Phelps, Stewart and Chaplain.

A bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Richard Barnes and Robert Fergusson, executors of John Barnes, late clerk of Charles county court;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Chapman, Reeder and Freeman.

A bill entitled, an act for the relief of Jonathan Prout and others;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice; and

A bill entitled, an act to authorise the assignment of certain indentures therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Harrison, Temples and Earickson.

The bill reported by Mr. Yellott from the committee on Ways and Means, entitled, an act to extend the powers of collectors for State and county taxes;

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Powder,

The House was called and the doorkeeper sent for the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Semmes,

The House resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the doorkeeper.

On motion of Mr. Semmes,

The House took up for consideration the preamble and resolutions submitted by him on the 15th of January, and the amendment offered thereto, in relation to carrying into effect resolution No. 8 of 1840.

Mr. Cathell moved to amend the last resolution by striking out "four dollars," and inserting in lieu thereof "two dollars."

Mr. Powder offered as a substitute for said preamble, resolutions and amendments the following :

Whereas, it is well known that the people of the State of Maryland are very much burdened with direct taxes, and whereas, it is right and proper that this Legislature should use all means of economy better to enable the people to divest themselves of the already difficulties they are now in, and whereas, travelling com-