

Also, the bill entitled, an act to allow William Hance, clerk of Calvert county, and Samuel T. Hodgkin, Register of Wills of said county, further time to place their fees in the hands of the sheriff;

And the bill entitled, a further supplement to an act to regulate the municipal government of Howard District of Anne Arundel county, passed at December session 1839, chapter 98;

Severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments."

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

Also, the resolutions appointing "directors on the part of the State, in the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, and in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company;"

And, the resolution in favor of Elizabeth Stuart, of Queen Anne's county:

Severally endorsed "assented to," and ordered to be engrossed.

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

A bill entitled, an act relating to the speedy recovery of small debts, and to authorise the issuing of attachments in certain cases, and

A bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to regulate conjugal rights as they regard property;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

A bill entitled, an act to authorise Josias Hawkins, administrator of Philip A. L. Contee deceased, to bring certain negro slaves into this State;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Colored Population, and

A bill entitled, an act to allow John D. Ward, former sheriff of Calvert county, further time to complete his collections;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Dalrymple, Allnutt and Weems.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

The House resumed the consideration of the bill reported by Mr. Phelps, chairman of the committee on Retrenchment entitled, an act to alter and amend the Constitution and Form of Government of the State of Maryland, so as to substitute biennial for annual sessions of the Legislature.

Mr. Calvert moved the previous question, and was demanded by a majority of the members present.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

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

On motion of Mr. Owen,

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