

The said bill having been read, and sundry amendments offered by Mr. Calvert to said bill being adopted,

The question was put,

"Shall the said bill pass as amended?"

Resolved in the affirmative.

And the bill sent to the Senate.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day;

The House proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Phelps, chairman of the committee on Retrenchment, entitled, an act to reduce the salaries of all officers paid out of the State treasury one-fourth, except salaries fixed by the Constitution;

Mr. Thomas, of Talbot, moved to amend said bill by inserting after the word "Maryland" in the first section, first line, the words, "that from and after the confirmation of this act by the next General Assembly of Maryland:"

And in the second line, strike out the word "that," and the words "except salaries fixed by the Constitution;"

On motion of Mr. Semmes,

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

On motion of Mr. Lynch,

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

Mr. Lynch submitted the following message:

*By the House of Delegates,*

*March 7th, 1844.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We herewith return to your honorable body two bills, each entitled, "an act to lay out and open a road through a part of Frederick and Montgomery counties, and respectfully ask that you will reconsider and pass them.

By order,

G. G. Brewer, clerk.

Which was twice read.

Mr. Shriver moved that said message be rejected.

Determined in the affirmative.

The clerk of the Senate returned the resolution in favor of Martha Wood;

Also, the resolution in favor of Levin Handy, clerk of Somerset county;

Severally endorsed, "dissented from."

Also, the resolution in favor of the Chaplains;

Also, the resolution in favor of William J. Belt, of Prince George's county;

Also, the resolution in relation to carrying into effect resolution number 8, of 1840;

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

Also, the bill antititled, an act to incorporate the Barrellville Mining Company;