

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of A. A.,
Said bill was made the order of the day for Thursday next, the
14th instant.

Mr. Williams, of Baltimore city, submitted the following mes-
sage :

By the House of Delegates,
February 7th, 1845.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We return to your House the bill entitled, an act to limit the
number of judges in Baltimore city court to two, with the hope
that the Senate will reconsider and pass the same into a law. It
will be seen that the proposed bill does not aim to legislate out
any incumbent, but its operation is deferred until a vacancy hap-
pens on that Bench. The whole effect it will also be seen, is on
the people of the city of Baltimore, and its contemplated opera-
tion will save to its overburthened treasury, fifteen hundred dollars
per annum.

The State relies very largely on aid from that city, to remove
the pressure on its exhausted finances. It behooves the Legisla-
ture then to concur with the wishes of that portion of the State in
any measure, which will enable them the better to fulfil this ex-
pectation of relief in the payment of new and heavy taxes. This
House therefore, asks a further and more indulgent consideration
on the part of the Senate, of this proposed measure of local re-
trenchment.

By order,
George G. Brewer, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Calvert moved to refer said message to the committee on
Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Morsell,

The House took up for consideration the bill reported by him,
as chairman of the committee on Retrenchment, entitled, an act
to abolish the office of Armorer in the city of Annapolis.

On motion of Mr. Potter,

Said bill was amended by striking out in the 2nd section last
line the words "any additional charge." and inserting in lieu
thereof these words, "further compensation for this additional
duty."

The said bill having been read the second time as amended,
was passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Morsell reported a bill entitled, an act relating to contested
elections ;

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second
time, passed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hollyday, of Cecil,

Ordered, That the committee on Retrenchment, be instructed