

BY THE SENATE,

March 7th, 1865.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We received your message, transmitting the House bill entitled, an Act to amend the charter of the Western Maryland Rail Road Company, endorsed "March 3d, 1865; amendment concurred in, and bill as amended passed by yeas and nays." The bill having thus passed by the concurrent vote of both Houses, according to the provisions of the Constitution, was then a law so far as the action of the General Assembly was concerned, in the opinion of the Senate, and can only be reconsidered in the way of a bill to repeal.

The endorsement by the House on the 6th of March, "reconsidered and amendment non-concurred in," as explained by your Journal, appears to have been a reconsideration of the amendment and not of the bill as passed by both Houses. Granting the power of either House to reconsider a law in the judgment of the Senate, it would have been necessary to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and then to reconsider the vote concurring in the amendment. Entertaining these opinions of this subject, we respectfully return this bill to your Honorable Body, as the proper custodian of a law originated by bill therein.

By order,

C. HARWOOD,

*Secretary.*

Which was read.

Also, the following Senate bills :

A bill entitled, an Act to provide for the registration of births, marriages and deaths;

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill entitled, an Act to incorporate the town of Newtown in Worcester county,

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on Corporations.

A bill entitled, an Act to incorporate Cecil Lodge, No. sixty-two, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the State of Maryland;

Which were read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations;