

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal, that Mr. Turner, a Senator from Baltimore city, is detained from his seat in the Senate by severe indisposition.

On motion of Mr. Waters,

Leave was granted the committee on Judicial Proceedings to report a bill entitled, an Act to amend Article sixteen of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled Chancery, by adding an additional section.

On motion of Mr. Maund,

Leave was granted the committee on Corporations to report an Act supplementary to an Act to incorporate the Superannuated Fund Society of the Maryland Annual Conference, passed at December Session, 1839, chapter 285.

On motion of Mr. Maund,

Leave was granted the committee on Judicial Proceedings to report a bill entitled, an Act to declare the assent of the Legislature of Maryland to the devises and bequests of John L. Zeigler, late of Baltimore city, deceased, to the Trustees of the Benevolent Society of the United Brethren in Christ for Missionary purposes in said church, and also, to the German Evangelical Reformed Church in the city of Baltimore, and also, to the Trustees or Board of the Benevolent Society of the United Brethren in Christ in Hagertown.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Ordered, That the Attorney General be requested to communicate to the Senate his opinion upon the following questions, viz :

1st. Has or has not the State, under the Constitution and existing laws, priority over any and all stockholders, depositors or creditors of any bank chartered by the State in the event of any such Banks failing or going into liquidation ?

2nd. If such priority exists will it be lost or how will it be affected if the State Banks are converted into associations under the National Currency Act? And will or will not the United States be entitled to the like priority in Banks organized under that Act, which the State is now entitled to in the State Banks?

3rd. What control, if any, will the State have over associations organized under that Act of Congress, and has it not reserved unlimited control over the charters of all the Banks now incorporated under its own laws ?

4th. Has the State the power to prevent the State Banks from organizing under the National Currency Act?