

impolitic and unjust. And hence it follows, as a clear and incontrovertible corollary, that its abolition ought not, for a single moment, to be delayed. All which is respectfully submitted.

Littleton Dennis Teackle, Chairman.

By order,

W. H. Mitchell, Clk.

Accompanied by a bill, entitled, An act to abolish in certain cases the compulsory writ of *caapias ad satisfaciendum*; also a bill, entitled, An act to amend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, as relating to the power of authorising arrest and commitment, in certain civil cases; and a bill, entitled, An act to amend the civil practice of courts in relation to mesne process.

Which were severally read and laid on the table.

Mr. M'Culloh reported a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy courts of Baltimore and Harford counties to build a bridge over the Little Gunpowder Falls at Lee's Mill, on the Belle-Air road.

The bill, entitled, An act to authorise registers of wills to record powers of attorney, and to make a certified copy of such record, evidence in court, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 25, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

This being the day fixed upon for the election of bank directors, we propose to proceed to the said election at the hour heretofore agreed upon. The following persons are nominated by this house: For the Mechanics Bank, Tobias E. Stansbury, John I. Donaldson and William Stewart; for the Union Bank, Alexander C. Bullitt, John P. Kennedy and William Meteer; for the Commercial and Farmers Bank, John Barney, George Riston, Charles C. Egerton, John G. Proud; for the Farmers Bank of Maryland, Nicholas Brewer, Theodorick Bland, Jeremiah T. Chase, Joseph Sands; for the Easton Bank, Charles Goldsborough, William Clark, Lambert W. Spencer, William Hugglett; for the Elkton Bank, Adam Whann; for the Hager's-Town Bank, John Van-Lear David Schnebly. We have appointed Messrs. Worthington and Eccleston, to examine the ballots, in conjunction with the gentlemen to be named by the senate.

By order,

John Brewer, Clk.

Mr. Ridout, chairman of the committee on the chancellor's memorial, delivered the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Theodorick Bland, Chancellor of Maryland, beg leave to report—That they entered on the discharge of the trust confided to them under the deepest sense of its delicacy and importance. They felt, in all its force, the obligation which was imposed on them, to maintain, on the one hand, the constitutional powers of this house, and on the other, to preserve and defend the independence of the judiciary. Both the one and the other are essential to the preservation of our liberties; and both are alike defined and guarded by the constitution under which we live, and by which every depart-