

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the following order was read:

Ordered, That all bills reported in this house, and which have not yet had a second reading, be referred to the consideration of the next general assembly.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the same was postponed until to-morrow.

The bill to prevent nuisances in Port Tobacco, in Charles county, was read the second time and passed.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Thursday, March 9, 1826.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to prevent nuisances in Port Tobacco, in Charles county, was sent to the senate.

The engrossed bills from No. 162 to 181, and from 193, to No. 200, inclusive, were read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate. The clerk of the senate returns the same, endorsed "assented to."

On motion by Mr. Speed, the following resolution was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Whereas William Caton, of the city of Annapolis, proclaimed, on the fourth day of October 1816, an escheat warrant on a tract of land lying in Anne-Arundel county, and paid into the treasury, a part of the confiscation money thereon. And whereas the said Caton was prevented, by an act of the general assembly (1816, ch. 262,) from deriving any benefit under said warrant, therefore, Resolved, That the said Caton be and he is hereby authorised and permitted, to locate said warrant on any lands of the state, not heretofore patented, and to cause the same to be surveyed, and to proceed therein to procure for his use the title thereof, as the law prescribes and directs.

On motion by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was read:

Whereas, there appears insurmountable difficulties in the legislature getting before them, in the usual way, in time to be acted on, a bill for the regulation of officers fees: And whereas great and just cause of complaint exists against the present fee bill; therefore,

Be it resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and requested, to give public notice, in such newspapers printed in this state as they shall deem necessary, that the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars will be given to the person who shall present to the next general assembly on the first day of their session, the most perfect bill for the regulation of officers fees, to be approved of by the general assembly of Maryland.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the following resolution was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Whereas this is the fiftieth year, since the people of the United States, by their representatives in congress assembled, declared themselves "free, sovereign and independent," a declaration which has proved a source of innumerable blessings to mankind in general, and more particularly to the people of this happy land. And whereas, in the course of nature the surviving heroes