

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Kent, Tidball and Jones.

A bill entitled, a supplement to the act to authorise the laying out and opening a road through a part of Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties,

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Kent, Bruce and Wright.

A bill entitled, an act for the relief of James H. Dorsey of Harford county.

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Jones, Tidball and Purnell.

Mr. Hambleton from the committee on divorces, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to divorce James J. Pattison of the city of Baltimore, from his wife Eleanor Pattison, reported that the committee were of opinion it ought not to pass.

It was read the second and by special order the third time, rejected and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Hambleton from the committee on divorces, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to divorce Thomas Mead of Calvert county, from his wife Sophia Mead, reported favorably thereon.

It was read the second and by special order the third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Jones submitted the following message; which was read and adopted:

By the Senate,

March 6, 1838.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have passed and herewith return to you the bill which originated in your honorable body, entitled, "a supplement to the act to fix and make permanent the salaries of certain officers of the civil government." The Senate would respectfully suggest that there is an omission in that bill which the Senate cannot constitutionally supply, by proposing amendments. The bill is a supplement to the act of 1828, chapter 197, which among other officers, fixes the salary of the clerk of the Senate. The constitution as amended, devolves important and various duties, besides imposing new responsibilities upon that officer, by reason of the Senate being made the advisers of the Governor in all appointments to office, most of the duties heretofore performed by the Clerk of the Council, must in the very nature of things, be hereafter performed by the clerk of the Senate. It is just and proper therefore, that the salary of that officer should be reasonably adequate to the services he renders. For these reasons, we respectfully request your honorable body to originate a further supplement increasing the salary of the clerk of the Senate in proportion to the duties which he will be obliged to perform.

By order,

J. H. Nicholson, clk