

ages; and the said court shall have power to order a new inquisition, if they think fit. Upon the ratification of the said damages by the court, the same shall be paid as is hereinbefore provided by this act.

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

Mr. Purnell from the committee on finance, to which was referred the resolution in favor of the chief and assistant clerks of delegates, asked that the committee be discharged from the consideration of said resolution, and the question was put,

“Will the Senate discharge the committee?”

The yeas and nays were asked for, and on taking them they appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Brown, (Pres't. pro tem.) Beckett, Bowie, Bruce, Goldsborough, Hambleton, Jones, Kent, Purnell, Tidball and Wright,—11.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Cottman, and Ricaud,—2.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Ricaud moved to refer the said resolution to a select committee, The question was put, and determined in the negative.

Mr. Purnell submitted the following message; which was read and adopted, and with the resolution to which it refers, sent to the house of delegates.

By the Senate,

March 26, 1838.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We herewith return to your honorable body the resolution in favor of the chief and assistant clerks of the House of Delegates. The Senate respectfully suggest the propriety and justice of allowing to the clerks of this body the like compensation for their services. We take occasion to bear testimony to the fidelity and ability with which they have discharged the difficult and laborious duties imposed upon them. They have performed those duties to the entire satisfaction of the Senate. If the resolution be so amended as to provide, in the same manner, for the chief and assistant clerks of the Senate as for those named in the resolution, it will receive the favorable consideration of this body.

By order,

Jos. H. Nicholson, clk.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the infant children of Preston McComas, late of Harford county, deceased, was read the second time by special order, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

It was accordingly engrossed, and,

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Read the third time by special order passed and sent to the house of delegates.