

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

Mr. Bowie from the committee on internal improvement, to which was referred the bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act for the promotion of internal improvement, reported favorably thereon.

It was read the second time.

Mr. Bowie moved to give said bill a third reading by special order,

The question was accordingly put,

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

#### AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Brown, (Pres't pro tem.) Bowie, Bruce, Cottman, Goldsborough, Hambleton, Jones and Kent,—8.

#### NEGATIVE

Messrs. Beckett, Lee, Purnell, Ricaud and Tidball,—5.

So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Cottman from the committee on judicial proceedings, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to abolish in the State of Maryland, the law of imprisonment for debt, from and after the end of the next annual session of the General Assembly, 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.

The bill entitled, an act supplemental to an act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

It was accordingly engrossed, and

On motion of Mr. Ricaud,

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

Mr. Tidball from the committee to which was referred the petition of George Fouke and others, reported a bill entitled, an act for the relief of George Fouke, and Elizabeth his wife, and Henry and Louis Fouke,

Which was being read the first time, when

On motion of Mr. Lee,

It was referred to the consideration of the next General Assembly.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message,

By the House of Delegates,

March 29, 1838.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received a bill from your honorable body, entitled, an act entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act to invest the States' share of the surplus revenue of the United States and for