

It was read the second time, when

Mr. Bowie moved to amend it by adding the following section.

And be it enacted, That either party in acting under this act, shall be entitled to a continuance of the case upon showing cause for the continuance of the same, according to the acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided.

Mr. Brown moved to strike out the words "either party," in the said proposed amendment, and insert the words "the plaintiff."

Mr. Ricaud moved to reject the proposed amendment and amendment to the amendment.

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.) Beckett, Cottman, Hambleton, Jones, Lee, Purnell, Ricaud and Tidball,—9.

#### NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Bowie, Bruce and Goldsborough,—3.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

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

On motion of Mr. Tidball,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution relative to a Digest of the Laws.

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On motion of Mr. Lee,

The following amendment was read and dissented from:

After the word "Maryland," insert—"that the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint some person or persons, and contract with the same for revising the Statute Laws of this State, but only on condition that such work shall be completed within two years from the date of such appointment."

The resolution was then read through, assented to and returned to the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. Bruce,

It was ordered, that the exhibits accompanying the memorial of Samuel M. Semmes, be withdrawn from the files of the Senate.

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

By the Senate,

March 29, 1838.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We propose with the concurrence of your honorable body, to appoint a joint committee to wait upon the Governor, and to request the attendance of His Excellency in the Senate Chamber, for the purpose of signing the laws. We have appointed Messrs. Jones and Bowie,