

Hon. Richard Thomas,  
President of the Senate.

Dear Sir:—When I concluded to remove to the city of Baltimore, I determined to resign my seat in your honorable body, at some early day. It seemed to me proper and becoming that I should do so, as I was leaving the section of the state in which I resided at the time of my election. In deference to the suggestions of others, I have thus long delayed the fulfilment of this purpose, in order to participate in the confirmation of a particular act, which was deemed of much importance at our last session, and which occupied a good deal of our time and attention.

I now resign my seat in the Senate of Maryland. Be good enough, in making known the purport of this communication, to make, at the same time, my respectful acknowledgments to the Senate, for all courtesies which have been extended towards me in that body; and to express to the several officers, my thanks for their uniform kindness and attention. Accept for yourself the assurance of my respect and regard.

Faithfully and sincerely,  
Wm. Schley.

January 24, 1838.

The bill entitled, an act to authorise and empower commissioners to open an alley in Westminster, in Carroll county, was read the third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates returned the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled, an act to make valid a certain instrument of writing therein named, and for other purposes, endorsed "will pass."

Mr. Jones from the committee to which was referred the bill entitled, an act relating to the city of Baltimore, reported favorably thereon.

It was read the second and by special order the third time, passed 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 Mary Jane Staylor of the city of Baltimore, from her husband Robert Galloway, 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 to define the duties of Sheriffs, Coroners or Elisors, so far as relates to Baltimore county, was read the third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. Purnell,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Purnell, Cottman and Goldsborough, to prepare and report a bill to be entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to authorise the appointment of commissioners, and