

Which were read and referred to Messrs. Tidball, Jones, Bowie, Wright and Goldsborough.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

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TUESDAY, January 30, 1838.

The Senate met. Present the same Senators as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Cottman from the committee to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to provide for the building of a public Bridge over the South East Branch of the Wicomico river, at Salisbury, in Somerset county, reported that the committee were of opinion it ought to pass with the following amendments,

Which were read and assented to:

1st section, in the 2d line, after the name 'Waller,' insert 'George Todd and Joshua Leonard.'

In the 3d section, 5th line, after the word 'order' insert 'when the bridge shall be finished, and shall have been received by the Levy court.'

In the 4th section, 1st and 2d lines, strike out the words 'may in their discretion,' and insert 'are hereby authorised and required to.'

Add as additional sections.

Sec. 5, And be it enacted, That the commissioners appointed in the first section of this act, before offering to contract, shall ascertain from the persons owning the road from the Walnut Tree Landing to Noah Rider's mills, whether they are willing that said road shall be kept open as a public highway, and upon the said persons signifying their assent, the commissioners are hereby authorised to take a bond or bonds from them to that effect, which bond or bonds shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of Somerset county court.

Sec. 6, And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the aforesaid commissioners to require and demand as a condition precedent, of the person or persons who may contract to build said bridge, that he or they shall so construct said bridge as not to injure and obstruct the navigation of the stream by scow and flat bottomed boats.

Sec. 7, And be it enacted, That the aforesaid commissioners are hereby authorised and empowered to locate and determine the site of the bridge across the stream.

Sec. 8, And be it enacted, That the commissioners appointed by this act, before proceeding to discharge the duties of commissioners, shall take an oath before some justice of the peace, which oath shall