

We have rejected the bill, entitled, An act to fix and establish the pay of the adjutant-general and brigade inspectors. If you will send us a bill giving the adjutant-general the sum of five hundred dollars per annum, it will meet our approbation.

Which was read.
Also the resolutions in favour of the examiner-general, Letitia Crookshanks, and the resolution relative to the investment of the public money, severally endorsed, "assented to." And a bill, entitled, An act for the removal of the seat of government from Annapolis to the city of Baltimore, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read; and, on motion, the question was put, That the house do pass with the 18th rule thereof? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the said bill, and the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? yeas 14, nays 50.

So it was determined in the negative, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Kerr delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; which was read.

The following resolution was assented to and sent to the senate.

Resolved, That the executive be requested to forward to each member of the legislature two copies of the militia law of this state, when printed.

The bill to increase the powers of the high court of chancery, was read the second time, amended, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

The bill for the limitation of appeals and writs of error, was read the second time, and passed.

The report relative to the impeachment of Judge Dorsey, was read the second time, amended, and the question put, That the house concur with the said report? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 43, nays 16.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, January 20, 1808.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to establish a board of agriculture in the several counties therein mentioned, and the bill for the limitation of appeals and writs of error, were sent to the senate.

The resolution relative to the loss of arms was assented to, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to pay the civil list, the bill to establish a market, and to build a market-house, in the eastern precincts of Baltimore, the further supplement to the act authorizing Thomas Bailey, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collection, the further additional supplement to the act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The further additional supplement to the act relating to negroes, and the bill to punish crimes, offences and misdemeanors, committed on the waters of the Chesapeake bay, &c. severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendments were agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed. The resolutions in favour of Jacob Gibson, Nicholas Brewer, James Harwood, and John Sanders, severally endorsed, "assented to." Also the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore, the trustee, and William Marbury, be and they are hereby directed to subscribe, in the name of the treasurer of the western shore, to the full amount of the old six per cent. stock, deferred and three per cent. stock, held in their names for the use of the state of Maryland, agreeably to the provisions of an act, supplementary to the act, entitled, An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States.

Which was read.
And the following message:

We deem it prudent and proper, under existing circumstances, that the legislature of Maryland should meet in general assembly at sometime in the present year, previous to the time fixed by the constitution for their annual meeting.

If you concur with us in this opinion, we suggest the propriety of fixing upon some day between the 20th day of February and the second day of May next.

Which was read.

The amendments to the bill to lay out and make public a road in Queen-Anne's county, were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The following messages were sent to the senate.

In consequence of the investment of the public money made at the present session in several banks in this state, we propose to proceed immediately to the election of two directors on the part of the state in the Farmers Bank, two in the Mechanics Bank, and one in the Hagar's-town Bank, and to save time, we recommend that the election of all the said directors be made at one balloting, and on one ticket, designating the particular bank for which each person is intended to be a director; and that a majority of the votes of all the members present be necessary to elect a director. David Kerr, junior, and John Sprigg Belt, are put in nomination by this house as directors of the Farmers Bank—Tobias E. Stansbury and Peter Little, as directors of the Mechanics Bank, and John Bowles as director of the Hagar's-town Bank. And we appoint Mr. Winder and Mr. Porter on the part of this house, to join the gentlemen that may be named by you to count the ballots.

We cannot agree to your proposition for a spring session of the legislature; if the circumstances of the state require it, the executive of the state will cause the general assembly to be convened.

Mr. J. E. Spencer delivers a bill, entitled, An act to fix and establish the pay of the adjutant-general and brigade inspectors; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

On the second reading of the supplement to the act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, &c. the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the first day of June next? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 27, nays 18.

The engrossed bills, from No. 41 to 84, inclusive, were read, assented to, and, with the paper bills thereof, sent to the senate.

The following message, with the bill therein mentioned, was sent to the senate.

We return you the bill, entitled, An act to prevent, for a limited time, the sale of lands or tenements, goods or chattels, on writs of execution, and for other purposes therein mentioned; the great inconvenience and injury the people will necessarily experience in a very short time, should this bill not pass, has induced us to hope, that upon reconsideration it will meet your approbation.

The bill annulling the marriage of James Barnes and Mable Barnes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The following order was unanimously assented to.

Ordered, That the thanks of this house be given to Tobias E. Stansbury, Esq; for the ability, attention and impartiality, with which he has, during this session, discharged the various duties of speaker of the house of delegates.

Ordered, That the clerk of the council be directed to have bound, for the use of the house of delegates, six sets of the laws of congress from volume 4th to the last session.

The resolution relative to the purchase of arms was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. W. H. Brown delivers a bill, entitled, An act extending the powers of several persons late sheriffs and collectors in the respective counties in this state; which was twice read, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Chester river.

Mr. Sudler delivers the said bill; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution relative to forwarding the militia law to each member, the resolution in favour of John Sullivan, messenger to the court of chancery, and the resolution in favour of Frederick and Samuel Green, severally endorsed, "assented to." The resolution in favour of Bennett Hamilton and Charles Sewell, endorsed, "assented to with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was assented to. The resolution in favour of John Kilty, endorsed, "dissented from." And the following message:

We received your message this morning, and are ready to proceed to the election of directors on the part of the state in the several banks therein mentioned. We have appointed Mr. Covington and Mr. Williams to join the gentlemen nominated by you to count the ballots. No persons are put in nomination by the senate in addition to those named in your message.

Which was read.

The following message was sent to the senate: Having nearly finished all the business of the session, we propose, with your concurrence, to rise this evening.

The house proceeded to ballot for directors on the part of this state in the Farmers Bank of Maryland, Mechanics Bank, and Hagar's-town Bank, and upon examining the ballots it appeared, that John S. Belt and David Kerr, junior, for the Farmers Bank; Tobias E. Stansbury and Peter Little, for the Mechanics Bank, and John Bowles for the Hagar's-town Bank, were elected, and so declared.

The engrossed bills from No. 85 to 132, inclusive, were read, assented to, and, with the paper bills thereof, sent to the senate.

The question was put, That the house adjourn till five o'clock P. M.? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 25, nays 23, and the house adjourned.

FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

THE house met.

The clerk of the senate delivers the engrossed bills from No. 41 to 134, inclusive, and from 40 to 151, inclusive, endorsed, "assented to." A bill to establish a board of agriculture in the several counties therein mentioned, the bill to fix and establish the pay of the adjutant-general and brigade inspectors, and the supplement to the act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Chester river, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The resolution relative to the officers bonding for arms, the resolution relative to the purchase of arms, severally endorsed, "assented to." And the following message:

We have, upon reconsideration, read the bill sent to us from your house, entitled, An act to prevent, for a limited time, the sale of lands or tenements, goods or chattels, on writs of execution, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Upon full consideration we are of opinion that the situation of the country does not, at this time, require measures which ought never to be resorted to except in cases of the most urgent necessity. Although we do not think that necessity now exists, we think, under the present existing state of things, a measure may become necessary before the annual constitutional meeting of the legislature. If you concur

with us in this opinion, we insist upon it, as a duty imposed upon us, the general assembly, to judge the probability of this necessity happening. We do not think it proper to cast upon the executive the responsibility of calling together the legislature to an extraordinary session, a responsibility most properly attached to ourselves; nor do we think the executive, situated and elected as they are, competent to judge of the feelings, wishes and wants, of the people. We therefore hope the house of delegates will reconsider the message of this house, proposing to the holding, by special adjournment, a spring session of the general assembly of Maryland.

Which was read.

The resolution relative to Judge Robins was assented to, and sent to the senate.

The following message was read:

We concur with you in the policy of a spring session, the situation of our country is alarming, and the private property of individuals in a dangerous situation. Having negatived our bill to stay executions, we receive your proposition to meet in a spring, as the only alternative to secure private and public property.

And the question put, That the house assent to the same? Determined in the negative, yeas 4, nays 18.

The following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Seeing the probability of a spring session is rendered very doubtful, and, as we consider, from particular situation of the country at the present time, it would perhaps be, hazarding too much, to us to risk another twelve-month before we passed a bill, entitled, An act to prevent, for a limited time, the sale of lands or tenements, goods or chattels, on writs of execution, and for other purposes therein mentioned, we therefore venture to return to you this bill again, trusting, after a more serious consideration, you will deem it prudent to carry it into law.

Mr. Hawkins delivers the journal of accounts which was twice read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The bill for the payment of the journal of accounts was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

We have finished the business before us, and are ready to close the session. We therefore hope the governor will be notified immediately, that his attendance is requested in the senate chamber to sign and seal the laws.

Which was read.

On the second reading of the report on the alteration of the constitution of the United States, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the next session of assembly? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 20, nays 5.

The engrossed bills from No. 134 to No. 139, and from No. 152 to No. 169, inclusive, were read, assented to, and, with the paper bills thereof, sent to the senate.

The following resolution was assented to, and sent to the senate:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Louis Gassaway and Henry S. Hall, each a sum of five dollars for their attendance as assistants at this session.

The following message was sent to the senate:

We have finished the business before us, and are ready to close the session, and propose to adjourn to the first Monday of October next; and in order to finish the remaining part of our duty, we are ready immediately to attend in the senate chamber for the purpose of seeing the laws signed and sealed, and we have appointed Mr. C. Dorsey and Mr. Forwood, on the part of this house, to attend any gentleman on the part of the senate, to wait on the governor, and request his attendance for that purpose.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the payment of the journal of accounts, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The journal of accounts, endorsed, "assented to." The resolution in favour of Judge Robins, endorsed, "assented to." And the following message:

We received your message, proposing to close the session this evening, and we have attended for that purpose, but when you sent us back the bill, entitled, An act to prevent, for a limited time, the sale of lands, or tenements, goods or chattels, on writs of execution, and for other purposes therein mentioned, which has been negatived by the senate on mature deliberation, we cannot consistently reconsider it, and trust you will proceed, agreeably to your message, to close the session.

Which was read.

The resolution, relative to the old six per cent. deferred and three per cent. stock, was read the second time and dissented from.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Thomas Greenwell, Esq; resigning his seat in this house; which was read.

The engrossed bills from No. 140 to No. 151, inclusive, were read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The engrossed bill No. 170, was read, assented to, and, with the paper bill thereof, sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the engrossed bills from No. 134 to No. 139, inclusive, and from No. 152 to No. 169, inclusive, severally endorsed, "read and assented to." And the resolution, in favour of