

over the same to the treasurer of the western shore, who shall return an account thereof in his annual report to the general assembly," Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, the question was then put, That the 4th section of the bill be stricken out, viz. "And be it enacted, That the auditor aforesaid shall not act as a solicitor in the high court of chancery," for the purpose of inserting the following in lieu thereof: "And be it enacted, That in every case wherein the auditor of the court of chancery shall be interested as counsel, the chancellor may and shall appoint a special auditor in that behalf, if he deem it necessary, to the impartial administration of justice"

Mr. Stoddert asked for a division of the question; and the question was put on striking out? Determined in the negative.

The bill having been read throughout, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.					
Mr Speaker	Ringgold	Hambleton	A D Mitchell	Handy	Watkins
H Watts	Turner	Hands	Thomas	Taney	R K Watts
Elakistone	Stoddert	Banning	Semmes	Houston	Washington
Boyer	Posey	Beard	Quinton	M'Donald	

NEGATIVE.					
Sellman	Harryman	Haynie	Harrison	Glenn	Schnebly
R Dorsey	Price	Lecompte	Potts	W Stewart	Hager
T H Dorsey	Showers	Griffith	Sewell	Kell	Lanham
C Stewart	Dennis	Duvall	Bradford	Williams	Ridgely
Horrell	Long	Meconnikin	H Hall		

So it was determined in the negative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the payment of the journal of accounts, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to incorporate the Warren Manufacturing Company, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill extending the benefit of the insolvent laws to certain persons therein mentioned; endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the name of the Centreville Bank of Maryland; the bill to enforce specie payments from the several Banks of this state for all bank notes not exceeding five dollars; the bill securing to mechanics and others payment for their labour and materials in erecting any house or other building within the city and precincts of Baltimore; and the bill to authorise and confirm the sale of certain real estate of James Calder late of Baltimore county, deceased, severally endorsed, "will not pass." A bill, entitled, An act to change the mode of collecting militia fines in the third brigade of Maryland militia, endorsed, passed by the senate February 5, 1817; which was read. The resolution in favour of Lewis Medley, endorsed, "dissented from," accompanied by the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 5, 1817.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have negatived the resolution in favour of Lewis Medley. No testimony accompanies the resolution. We take the liberty to suggest the expediency of originating a resolution authorising the executive to inquire into and settle the claim of the said Medley for alleged supplies to the Maryland militia in the year 1814.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which was read.

Also the engrossed bills 153 to 156 inclusive, 191 to 194, inclusive, and 219 to 221, inclusive, severally endorsed, "read and assented to;" which were severally read, assented to, and returned to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the following resolution was read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Resolved, That the governor and council be authorised and required, to examine into and settle the claim of Lewis Medley, of St. Mary's county, relating to sundry requisitions for supplies made on him by sundry militia officers of the state, and the vouchers whereof he alleges were destroyed by the enemy in the year 1814.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, the question was put, That the house reconsider the resolution relative to the Elkton Academy? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house assent thereto? Resolved in the affirmative, and the resolution sent to the senate.

The bill for the benefit of Priscilla Wilson was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, the following preamble and resolution was read the first and second time by special order.

Whereas a bill has been brought forward in the house of delegates, during the present session of the general assembly of Maryland, purporting to be a bill for the removal of the seat of government from the city of Annapolis; and said bill being referred to the consideration of the next general assembly, for the purpose no doubt of agitating the question at an election canvas; and as this paper, purporting to be a bill had not the blank filled designating the place for the future setting of the legislature, and having been brought in and hurried to a final vote at the very heel of the session, thereby not affording an opportunity of offering amendments; and in as much as the dangerous and overgrowing preponderance of the city of Baltimore might prove of evil tendency to the body politic, as it did to sundry unfortunate victims during the existence of the ever memorable mobs of July 1812, the delegates of the freemen of Maryland deem their duty, to express to the good people of this state, their opinion of the inexpediency of a removal of the seat of government at all, especially to a removal to Baltimore; Therefore,

Resolved, That the seat of government ought not to be in a large and populous city, especially in the city of Baltimore, where great outrages have frequently occurred, and where mobs the most furious are reared with unparalleled facility, such that might, and very probably would retard and infringe the freedom necessary and essential in legislation, and might cause the enactment of measures destructive of the interest of the more thinly populated parts of the state, and thereby subvert that freedom and impartiality