

intended to be preserved by the the wise sages that have gone before us, to the baneful injury of society, and corruption of good morals.

Mr. Lecompte called for the previous question ; that is, Shall the main question be now put ? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Kell delivers a bill, entitled, An act to increase the number of delegates from the city of Baltimore to the general assembly, and to alter, change and abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relates to the number of delegates from the said city ; which was read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the said bill by special order. On motion by Mr. Hambleton, the question was put, That the following sections be added to the bill : " And be it enacted, That such parts of the constitution and form of government as gives to the city of Annapolis two delegates to the general assembly of Maryland, be and are hereby repealed. And be it enacted, That the said city of Annapolis shall become a part of Anne-Arundel county, and the citizens thereof shall be entitled to all the privileges that the citizens of said county are entitled to." The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.					
Boyer	Posey	Banning	Beard	Quinton	M. Donald
Ringgold	Hambleton	Lecompte	Thomas	Handy	Lanham
Stoddert	Hands	Hart	Semmes	Taney	Washington 18
NEGATIVE.					
Mr Speaker	C Stewart	Dennis	Roberts	Sewell	Schnebly
H Watts	Horrell	Long	Meconnikin	Bradford	Hager
Blakistone	Turner	Griffith	Harrison	Glenn	Watkins
Sellman	Harryman	A D Mitchell	Potts	W Stewart	R K Watts
R Dorsey	Price	Duvall	Howard	Kell	Ridgely 32
T H Dorsey	Showers				

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, the question was put, That the following section be added to the bill : " And be it enacted, That the said city shall never hereafter have a greater number of delegates to the general assembly than any and every county in this state shall have." Resolved in the affirmative.

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

AFFIRMATIVE.					
Sellman	Horrell	Showers	Meconnikin	H Hall	Kell
R Dorsey	Stoddert	Semmes	Harrison	Glenn	Williams
T H Dorsey	Harryman	Claude	Sewell	Houston	Schnebly
C Stewart	Price	Roberts	Bradford	W Stewart	Hager 24
NEGATIVE.					
Mr Speaker	Turner	Dennis	Beard	Handy	Watkins
Blakistone	Posey	Long	A D Mitchell	Potts	Lanham
Boyer	Hambleton	Haynie	Thomas	Taney	R K Watts
Ringgold	Hands	Hart	Duvall	Howard	Washington
Blake	Banning	Griffith	Quinton	M. Donald	Ridgely 30

So it was determined in the negative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the journal of accounts, endorsed, " assented to." The bill for the payment of the journal of accounts ; the bill for the relief of Samuel Thomas of Talbot county ; the bill for the benefit of Michael Lovejoy of Prince-George's county ; the supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the speedy conveyance of public letters and packets, and for other purposes ; the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein ; and the bill relating to field officers of the state of Maryland, severally endorsed, " will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to provide for the education of poor children in Kent, Talbot, Cecil, Anne-Arundel, Montgomery, and Calvert counties, endorsed, " will pass with the proposed amendments ;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill vesting in the levy courts of the several counties in this state the power of opening, straightening and amending, the public roads in their respective counties ; the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of building a bridge over the river Susquehanna ; the bill to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the name of the Farmers Bank of Allegany ; and the bill to incorporate Upper Marlborough town in Prince-George's county, severally endorsed, " will not pass." And a bill, entitled, An act to alter the place of holding the election in the second election district in Anne-Arundel county, endorsed, " passed by the senate February 5, 1817 ;" which was read the first and second time by special order, amended, passed, and returned to the senate. And the bill incorporating the masters and wardens for the time being of Somerset lodge, number forty nine of free and accepted masons, for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed, " will not pass."

On motion by Mr. Long, the following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, together with the bill therein referred to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 5, 1817.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return you the bill, entitled, An act incorporating the masters and wardens for the time being of Somerset lodge No. 49, of free and accepted masons, for the purposes therein mentioned, and hope upon reconsideration you will pass the same. The said lodge having purchased a lot and built thereon a Masonic temple, wish the persons therein named to be incorporated for the purpose of holding such property in fee.

By order,

I. GASSAWAY, Clk.

The engrossed bills No. 195 to 218, inclusive, were severally read, assented to, and sent to the senate. The report on the petition of Robert Welch of Ben. was read the second time and concurred with, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the following bills were referred to the consideration of the next general