

chair, the chairman reported progress, and the house resumed the consideration of the said bill:

On motion by Mr. Estep, the question was put, that the following be stricken out:

"Whereas, the line of division between Anne Arundel and Calvert counties is not ascertained, by reason whereof, inconveniences have arisen, and in particular, divers persons living near the borders of those counties, have not contributed any thing towards the public expenses; therefore." Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Estep, that the first section be stricken out, to wit:

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That for fixing and ascertaining the said divisional line, the following persons be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to act as commissioners, viz: In Anne-Arundel county, Rezin Estep and James Tongue; for Calvert county, Thomas H. Wilkinson and Richard Ireland; and for Prince George's county, Julius Forrest; which said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall be, and they are hereby authorised and required, to meet at some place to be agreed on by themselves, near the borders of said counties, and call before them, by summons to be issued by them, and directed to the sheriff of the county, all persons who may be deemed proper to give testimony concerning the ancient and reputed division of said counties; and the said commissioners, or a major part of them, are also hereby empowered, to search the records of the general court or any county court, or any other records, that they may think calculated to afford information on the subject for testimonials to ascertain the division line aforesaid, and shall be allowed at the rate of three dollars each per day for their expenses, and may appoint a clerk, who shall have the same allowance for his attendance; and all witnesses attending said commissioners, shall be allowed the same as witnesses attending the county courts, and shall, if necessary, have authority to appoint a surveyor and chain carrier, who shall receive such compensation for their services, as a majority of said commissioners may direct; the said expenses, and all other charges accruing in consequence of this act, to be paid, one half by Anne-Arundel county, and the other half by Calvert county; and the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall be, and they are hereby requested to return their proceedings together with the proofs whereon the same may be founded, to the next general assembly for their approbation, and the same division, if found reasonable, may be there ratified and confirmed." For the purpose of inserting the following as a substitute:

Be enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Walter Wyvill and Virgil Maxcy, of Anne Arundel county, and Thomas H. Wilkinson and Richard Ireland, of Calvert county, and Robert W. Bowie, of Prince George's county, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to act as commissioners for fixing and establishing the divisional line between Anne Arundel and Calvert counties; and the said commissioners, before they proceed to act, shall take the following oath or affirmation, as the case may be: "I, A. B. do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will carefully and impartially ascertain and establish, as far as practicable, the divisional line between Anne Arundel and Calvert counties, according to the testimony which may be adduced before me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief;" which said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised and directed, to meet on the first Monday in June next, at such place as may be appointed by a majority of them, and call before them such persons as they may deem necessary to give testimony as to the line now understood and reputed to exist, between Calvert and Anne Arundel counties; and the aforesaid commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised and empowered, to fix and establish the said line, in such manner as will not deprive either of the said counties of any territory, which has been, and still is possessed by them.

And be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall be allowed at the rate of three dollars each per day for their expenses, and they may also appoint a clerk, and if necessary, a surveyor and chain carriers, who shall receive such compensation as a majority of the said commissioners may direct for their services, and all witnesses attending the said commissioners shall be allowed the sum of one dollar per day; which said expenses, and all other charges accruing in consequence of this act, shall be levied and paid equally by the levy courts of the said two counties.

And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall, and they are hereby required, to return their proceedings; in writing, under their hands and seals to the next general assembly thereafter, and also return a copy of their proceedings to each of the clerks of Anne Arundel and Calvert counties, to be recorded in the land records of said counties.

And be it enacted, That if the General Assembly shall approve of the proceedings of the said Commissioners, and ratify and confirm the line which shall be ascertained by them, the line so ascertained and confirmed, shall then and forever afterwards, be considered the divisional line between the said two counties. After some time spent in debating the same,

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1822.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to repeal so much of the act therein mentioned as relate to Somerset county, and the resolution relative to the payment of the balance due Elie Williams, Esq. were sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan 9, 1823

Gentlemen of the Senate,—We propose, with the concurrence of your honorable body, to proceed on the instant, at 12 o'clock, to the election of directors on the part of the

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