

*Ordered*, that for the dispatch of business, this house will hereafter sit, every evening, from the hour of six to the hour of nine, for the purpose of transacting local business.

On motion by Mr. Millard, that the same be stricken out from the word "Ordered," for the purpose of inserting the following: "That the committee of claims be directed not to grant certificates to any member of this house to receive any sum over twenty dollars, after Thursday next; as it is likely members disposed to leave the seat of government, might leave this house without a quorum to transact business?"

Mr. Norris called for a division of the question, and it was put on striking out? Determined in the negative; the question was then put, that the house assent to the order? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, *Ordered*, that the bill to collect a tax upon such parts of the estates of deceased persons as avoid assessment, have a second reading on Wednesday next.

On motion by Mr. Archibald Lee, the amendment to the bill appointing commissioners to extend Washington street, was reconsidered and dissented from.

On motion by Mr. Archibald Lee, the following message was read, assented to, and with the bill sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES; February 17th, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We return you the bill, entitled, An act appointing commissioners to extend Washington street in Rockville, and for other purposes, and have rejected your amendment thereto; we hope that upon reconsideration you will recede therefrom, as the petitioners do not ask to be exonerated from the necessary expenses to be incurred in opening said street and road.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Mr. George Liegh reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act for the relief of the poor of Saint-Mary's county; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Roberts, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, passed at November session, 1809. *Ordered*, that Messrs. Roberts, Meconiken and Wright, report the same.

The bill relative to trespasses *quare clausum fregit*, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass?

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Millard, Stone, Maddox, Hodges, Linthicum, Howard, Edelen, Rogerson, Stansbury, Worthington, Teackle, Byus, Hooper, Sheredine, Gerry, Hughes, Sle-maker, Riley, Franklin, H. Kemp, Farquhar, Fisher, Norris, Chauncey, Allen, Whiteford, Boon, Saulsbury, Douglass, Drury, Keller, Hoffman, Pollard—33.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Speaker, G. Leigh, Ireland, Massey, Dalrymple, Smith, Skinner, Stone-street, Johnson, Loockerman, Lloyd, Martin, Jones, Dennis, Steele, Willis, Cosden, Carroll, Roberts, Meconiken, Pratt, T. Kennedy, Williams, Duvall, Tomlinson—25.

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the benefit of Elizabeth A. Lowndes, of Prince-George's county, endorsed "will pass." *Ordered* to be engrossed.

The additional supplement to the act to raise a sum of money to purchase a lot of ground in Coxe's Town, in Baltimore county, and to erect a building thereon to be used as a school house and meeting house.

The bill for the benefit of the First Independent Church of Baltimore.

The bill authorising a lottery for the benefit of the Rockville and Barne's-town Roman Catholic congregations, in Montgomery county.

And the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for completing an Episcopal church in Baltimore county, endorsed "will not pass."

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to provide for a new assessment, and to appoint collectors of the tax in and for the city and county of Baltimore, endorsed "will pass." *Ordered* to be engrossed.

The supplement to the act to authorise the abutment of a bridge on the Maryland shore of the Potomac. The supplement to the act to establish a board of agriculture for the counties therein mentioned; the bill for the benefit of George Creager, of Frederick county; and the supplement to the act, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate public ferries; endorsed "will pass" with the proposed amendments, which were read assented to and the bill ordered to be engrossed; and the additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for making certain roads in Baltimore and Harford counties, endorsed "will not pass." And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 15, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—The senate have received your message of the 12th instant, proposing the reconsideration of a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for making certain roads in Baltimore and Harford counties.

Upon examination of this bill, the senate are inclined to the opinion, that it has never before fallen under their consideration.

The endorsements thereon seem not to be in the hand writing of any of the clerks of the senate. The endorsements upon bills are regarded by the senate as evidence of the course pursued in relation to them, and in their opinion it would be productive of great inconvenience and inaccuracy, in the course of their business, to receive any other evidence than that coming from their own officers, who are, strictly speaking, the only persons authorised to give it.

The senate have therefore rejected the bill, and herewith return it to your house, and would respectfully ask, that the original bill alluded to in your message should be sent to the senate