

Mr. Ireland moved to refer the same to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Estep delivers the following report:

The committee of claims, to whom was referred the subject of printing the laws passed the present session, in certain newspapers published in this state, beg leave to report—That they have had the same under consideration, and are persuaded that the advantages which would result to the public from thus giving publicity to the laws, would not be commensurate with the expense which the state would incur thereby, they therefore deem it inexpedient to recommend any change in the printing of the laws. By order

S. S. HODGKIN, Clk.

Which was concurred with.

The report of the committee of conference relative to printing the laws and votes and proceedings, was read the second time.

Mr. Millard moved to amend it by making it read "contract on the cheapest terms."

On motion by Mr. Estep, the word "cheapest" was stricken out and "best" inserted.

The resolution was then assented to, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Allen, the following resolution was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore is hereby directed to pay the account of any editor for newspapers furnished the house during this session, which may be allowed by the governor and council.

The resolution in favour of Joshua Bond, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Steele presents a petition from the Potomac Company, praying no judicial proceeding may be had against them by the state's agent; which was read.

The resolution relative to said company was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Archibald Lee, the following was added thereto;

"Provided, That the said president and directors shall renew the bond they have given to the treasurer of the western shore for the sum of thirty thousand dollars, dated the 21st of February, 1814." The resolution was assented to and sent to the senate; the order relative to placing a head and foot stone at the grave of William Craig, Junr. Esq. was assented to.

The engrossed bills from No. 156 to No. 172, inclusive, were read, assented to, and with the papers, bills thereof sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate returns said bills.

The resolution in favour of Elie Beatty was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate. BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 22, 1823.

Gentlemen of the Senate—We assent to your proposition to request the governor to attend in the senate chamber this afternoon at five o'clock, to sign and seal such laws as may be ready for his signature, and have appointed Messrs. Teackle and Hughes to join with the gentlemen named by you.

On motion by Mr. Stansbury, Ordered, That the members of this house, who have books and laws belonging to the house of delegates at their lodgings, be requested by the speaker to return the same this day before the session closes.

On the second reading of the bill laying duties on pleasure carriages, Mr. Boon moved to refer the same to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Lockerman moved to fill up the blank to ascertain the value of the carriages to be taxed, with \$200? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Ireland moved to fill it with \$150? Determined in the negative. The blank was filled up with \$100.

The blank for four wheel carriages, was filled up with \$200.

Mr. John P. Kennedy, moved to insert "hackney coaches" in the clause exempting certain carriages from tax? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Purviance moved that "jersey wagons and carry alls," be stricken out? Determined in the negative.

Mr. John P. Kennedy moved to refer the said bill to the 1st of June? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, shall the said bill pass?

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Speaker, Millard, Stone, Linthicum, Howard, Skinner, Edelen, Rogers, Garner, Stansbury, Johnson, Worthington, Jones, Teackle, Dennis, Steele, Sheredine, Parker, Gerry, Cosden, Semmes, Riley, Franklin, Thomas, Farquhar, Fisher, Norris, Chauncey, T. Kennedy, Drury, Keller, Galloway, Williams, A. Lee, Greenwell, Hoffman Tomlinson.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. G. Leigh, Maddox, Ireland, Massay, Lockerman, Lloyd, Martin, Byus, Willis, Hooper, Roberts, Meconiken, Wright, Slemaker, Boon, Saulsbury, Douglas.

J. P. Kennedy, Purviance, Duvall, 20.

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

The report relative to reporting the decisions of the court of appeals, was read the second time and the resolution dissented from.

On motion by Mr. Thomas Kennedy, the following resolutions were read, assented to and sent to the senate:

Resolved, That all proceedings on the part of the state against Benjamin Gaither, late sheriff of Anne Arundel county, and his securities, be and the same are hereby suspended until