

Also the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to erect a town in Queen-Anne's county, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered, to be engrossed.

Also a supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Boonsborough, in Washington county, to the Potomac river, endorsed will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed; the resolution relative to the state agent, endorsed "assented to."

Also the bill laying duties on pleasure carriages; the supplement to the act relating to justices of the peace in the city of Baltimore; the bill for the relief of Francis M. Wills; the bill to authorise the county courts on the eastern shore to grant licenses to hawkers and pedlars; the bill for the benefit of negro Charles Gwin; and the bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act to relieve the people of this state, as far as practicable, from the evils arising from the demands made on the banks of this state for gold and silver, by brokers, and to prohibit the officers of the different banks from buying and selling bank notes of this state at a less price than their nominal value, endorsed "will not pass." And the following messages:

BY THE SENATE, February 24, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the house of Delegates*—By an order of the senate passed on the 10th inst. the clerk of the senate has been directed to arrange all the files and records of the senate, in the way he may think best calculated to preserve them, and to make a reference to them easy.

Upon an examination by a committee of the senate appointed for that purpose, of these papers, it has been discovered that all the original papers of the senate, for many years past, have been thrown promiscuously into the cases, in the greatest disorder, without endorsements, and not one can now be found without great difficulty. To arrange these in the manner proposed, will be a work of considerable labor, and the senate are of opinion that it is one which cannot be properly imposed upon the present clerk of the senate, without affording him an additional compensation.

The senate have no power to originate any resolution having that object in view, and they would therefore (as they cannot imagine any possible objection to it) most respectfully suggest that a resolution may be originated in your house providing for that object.

By order, WM. KILTY, Ck.

BY THE SENATE, February 24, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—The senate have rejected the resolution directing the treasurer to pay off sixty thousand dollars of the loan taken by the Farmers Bank of Maryland under a law of the last session, as they do not feel fully satisfied the situation of the treasury would warrant such a measure. It is certainly desirable to pay this loan as soon as possible, and but for the reason we have stated, we would have assented to your resolution. The senate think, however, that the state could pay at this time forty thousand dollars, and if a resolution for that purpose be presented to them, it would meet their approbation.

Which was read, By order, WM. KILTY, Ck.

The bill for the benefit of certain persons who naturalised under the laws of this state, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill relating to poundage fees, and the bill to regulate the fees of county clerks in the several counties of this state, were referred to the next general assembly.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prohibit the removal of free negroes into this state, was referred to the next general assembly.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 24, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We have received your message requesting us to originate a resolution to authorise the payment of the clerk of the senate for the time and labor required of him, by an order of your honorable body, to arrange the papers of the senate, at present in a promiscuous and confused situation. Not having any grounds by which this house could judge of what would be a satisfactory compensation, we have thought proper to reject the same.

By order, J. BREWER, Ck.

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

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Shaw and Gambrill, or order, the sum of fourteen dollars and fifty cents, due them for stationary since the closing of the journal of accounts; and that the said treasurer pay to Archibald Lee, Esquire, or order, the sum of five dollars, being the expense of his correspondence, and obtaining the laws of New York relative to canals, as chairman of the committee on the Potomac report.

The engrossed bills from No. 207 to 223, were read, assented to, and with the paper bills thereof sent to the senate.

The bill to prevent the unnecessary accumulation of costs on suits instituted on any bond or note, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Carroll, the following resolution was read:

WHEREAS, by an order of the senate of the 10th instant, the chief clerk of the senate is directed to arrange all the files and records of the senate in the way he may think best calculated to preserve them, and to make a reference to them easy: And whereas, it is considered that the duties imposed upon the clerk of the senate, by the before mentioned order, are such as cannot properly be imposed upon him in his official capacity, and that therefore he is entitled, upon the completion of the work, to a fair and reasonable compensation for his time and labor bestowed in the performance of the same; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised, upon the