

On motion by Mr. E. B. Duvall, ordered, that the bill to repeal the 4th and 5th sections of an act to relieve the people of this state from the evils arising from the demands made on the banks of this state for gold and silver by brokers, &c. have a second reading on Friday the 16th inst.

Mr. Moffett obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, an act to equalise taxation throughout the state. Ordered, that Messrs Moffett, Pitt, Merrick, Riley, W. Stewart Steel and Millard report the same.

Mr. Pitt obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, an act to incorporate a company to cut a canal from Big Black water river to Parson's creek, in Dorchester county. Ordered, that Messrs Pitt, Willis and Lake report the same.

The report in favor of Levi White, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Ely, the question was put, that the same be referred to the 1st of June next? Resolved in the affirmative. On motion by Mr. Wootton, the question was put, that the said report be reconsidered. Determined in the negative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE January 13, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—We herewith transmit the memorial of the Register of the Land Office, setting forth that the records of his office are sustaining serious injury from the want of a suitable situation in the office for their safe keeping.

Considering it to be a subject requiring the attention of the legislature, we propose with the concurrence of your house, the appointment of a joint committee to examine the state of the records in said office, and report such measures, as they may deem advisable and efficient to prevent their future injury.

We have nominated Messrs. Claude and Dickenson, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honorable body to perform that duty. By order,

Which was read.

WM. KILTY, CLK.

Also the further supplement to an act, entitled an act, to provide for a new assessment, and to appoint collectors of the county tax in and for the city and county of Baltimore; endorsed will pass with the proposed amendment, which was assented to and the bill ordered to be engrossed; and the bill to confirm certain official proceedings of Richard B. Mitchell; endorsed will pass, ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Carroll, ordered that Mr. Merrick be appointed in the place of Mr. Fenwick, one of the committee appointed on the leave to bring in a bill relative to tobacco inspection ware houses.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following message was assented to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 13, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*.—We have received your message respecting the appointment of a joint committee to examine the state of the records in the land office, and concur therewith. Messrs. Millard, Steel and Hopper, are appointed by this house to join the gentlemen appointed by your honorable body. By order,

JOHN BREWER, CLK.

On motion by Mr. Kemp, ordered that the bill for the relief of William R. King, with the petition counter thereto, be recommitted to the committee appointed on his petition.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following letters:

IN COUNCIL, Annapolis, January 13, 1824.

GENTLEMEN—In addition to the communications of some of our representatives in Congress, acknowledging the receipt of the preamble and resolutions of the General Assembly respecting congressional caucus, we have the honor to send the enclosed from William Hayward Junr. and Henry R. Warfield, Esqrs. We are with great respect, your obedient servants,

SAMUEL STEVENS, Jr.

The Hon. the President of the Senate, and the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

To his excellency the Governor of Maryland—

Sir—It was not until several days after my return to this place, that I received a letter from Mr. Pinkney, which had been addressed to me in my absence; covering a preamble and a resolution adopted by the legislature of Maryland, on the subject of a congressional caucus.

I have given sir, to this communication a serious and respectful consideration, and I profess myself to have been utterly unable to discover, by what provision of our constitution or of our law, the censorship over the servants of the people of Maryland charged by the people themselves, with the duties of representing them in the general government of the United States, has been confided to the legislature. The relation in which that honorable body and myself respectively stand towards the people of the congressional district, represented by me, are such as to forbid me for one moment to entertain the supposition, that the legislature could have designed by this act, any thing like the authority of an instruction—It was, though candidly compels me to the acknowledgment, from the respect alone which I entertained for the legislature of my native state, and not from any thing contained in the preamble and resolution communicated to me through Mr. Pinkney, that my mind was brought to this conclusion—was unwilling to believe, nay even to suffer myself for one moment to think, that so enlightened a body as the legislature of Maryland, could so far forget all the obligations of duty, and disregard the solemn injunctions of the constitution, as to "attempt" to place itself between the people and the servants of the people or to usurp from the constituent the right of directing the representative by an assumption of the right to participate in the exercise of that power. The doctrine that the representative is subject to the will of his constituent, and that by the will, when fully and fairly expressed he is to be directed and controlled, I have ever regarded