

the militia of the city of Baltimore. Ordered, that Messrs W. Stewart, W. G. D. Worthington and Peter, report the same.

Mr. Norris reports a bill entitled, an act laying duties on pleasure carriages.

The bill for the relief of Anne Berry, of Charles county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. C. R. Stewart obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, an act to prevent the opening of the old road therein mentioned, in Anne Arundel county. Ordered, that Messrs C. R. Stewart, Howard and Linthecum, report the same.

The bill for the relief of Robert Oliver, of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, and the question put, shall the said bill pass. Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

Mr. W. G. D. Worthington presents a petition from John Williams; referred to the committee on insolvencies.

Mr. Carroll presents a memorial from Robert Tuttle, of Anne Arundel county, praying for support; referred to the committee on petitions of similar nature.

Mr. W. G. D. Worthington reports a bill entitled, an act to provide for the improvement of the internal navigation of the state.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to levy a sum of money to build a bridge over north east in said county, and the supplement to the act entitled, an act to incorporate the stockholders of the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore, endorsed will pass, ordered to be engrossed. Also the resolution relative to the sale of camp equipage, endorsed, assented to; and the resolution relative to justices of the peace, endorsed, assented to, with the proposed amendment, which amendment was read.

The order relative to the purchase of an atlas, was read; Mr. Johnson offered the following as a substitute: Ordered, That a committee of five to be appointed by the speaker, purchase three copies of such American atlas as they may deem most correct, one for the use of the executive, one for the senate and one for the house of delegates; and the question put on the substitute, resolved in the affirmative. The question was then put, that the house assent to the order. Determined in the negative.

The message relative to the letter of William Hayward, Esq. was read the second time.

Mr. Lake offered the following as a substitute:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 15, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*,—We return to your honorable body the letter from William Hayward, Esq. a representative of this state in congress, in reply to a preamble and resolution adopted by the legislature and transmitted to him. As we conceive the phraseology of the letter is not that which should be employed by a person in an official station, and is certainly very different from that which is usually addressed to deliberate assemblies, we shall forbear to take any further notice of it; but as the resolution originated in your honorable body which have caused the asperity of the writer of the letter, we return it to you, and shall approve whatever disposition you may think proper to make of it.

Mr. Merrick offered the following as a substitute for the substitute:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 15, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*,—The letter of the honorable William Hayward reflecting on the course adopted by the general assembly of Maryland, with regard to a nomination of a candidate for the chief magistracy of this nation by a congressional caucus, has been read to this house, and is considered offensive and disrespectful to this legislature. As the resolutions which appear to have drawn forth this indecorous production originated in your honorable body, we forbear any further expressions thereon, and have deemed it due to you, that Mr. Hayward's letter should be returned to you to be disposed of as your honorable body may think fit.

On motion by Mr. Wootton, the words 'offensive and' were stricken out. The question was then put on the last substitute as amended. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Pitt offered the following as an additional substitute:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 15, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We return to your honorable body the letter of Wm. Hayward, Esq. in reply to the resolutions adopted by the legislature disapproving a congressional caucus. The spirit and diction of the letter itself, sufficiently explain the reason why we have adopted this course; we leave it to your honorable body to make such disposition of it as you may deem its character requires.

Mr. Pitt moved to refer the whole to the next general assembly. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Kemp moved a reference to the 1st of June. Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on Mr. Pitt's substitute. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the substitute proposed by him was withdrawn; The question was then put on Mr. Lake's substitute. Determined in the negative. The question was then put on Mr. M'Mahon's original message: The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

**AFFIRMATIVE**—Messrs Millard, Howard, Linthecum, C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, Chesley, Millar, Edelin, Rogerson, Garner, Johnson, Ely, Dennis, Dashiell, Bryan, Semmes, Wootton, Hughes, Hopper, Moffett, Nicholson, Slemaker, Purnell, Cromwell, Whiteford, Sewell, Norris, Steel, Boon, Ed, Barwick, W. Stewart, Kershner, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, Peter, Kilgour, Williams, W. Davall, Bruce, Sprigg, M'Mahon.—42.

**NEGATIVE**—Messrs Speaker, Leigh, Gough, Ireland, Gale, Hodges, Dalrymple, Weems, J. T. H. Worthington, Loockerman, Lloyd, Martin, Spencer, Jones, Bratton, Lake, Willis