

WEDNESDAY, February 11, 1824.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill relative to the divisional line between Calvert and Anne Arundel counties was sent to the senate.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 11, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate.*—We have received your message proposing a committee of conference on the subject of the bill to tax certain offices, and have appointed Messrs. Merrick, Semmes, Steel, Spencer and Hopper, to meet the gentlemen named by your honorable body.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clerk.

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

*Resolved*, That the Register of the Land Office, for the Western Shore make, or cause to be made two copies of the plot of the public lands westward of Fort Cumberland, and that when so made out, one of said copies shall be deposited in the clerks office of Allegany county court, there to remain open to the inspection of all persons desirous to see the same, and the other in the Land Office for the Western Shore, and that the Treasurer of the Western Shore, be, and he is hereby directed to pay for the execution of the same out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury, provided the cost of executing the same shall not exceed the sum of        dollars.

Mr. Coburn reports a bill, entitled, an act to alter and change all that part of the constitution and form of government, which prescribes the time of holding elections to elect the electors of the senate of this state, and electors of president and vice president of the United States.

Mr. Semmes reports a bill, entitled, an act making appropriation for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four.

The bill, entitled, an act for the relief of Thomas Philips, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate. The resolution in favor of Doctor Collin M'Kenzie, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate. The bill for the relief of Julian Coleman, of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, the following order was read; ordered, that in addition to the present hours of sitting, this house will sit for the dispatch of public business, from 6 o'clock, P. M. till 9 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Iglehart moved to strike out six, and insert four; determined in the negative.

Mr. Nicholson moved to insert the word "local," instead of "public." Resolved in the affirmative. The question was then put, that the house assent to the order. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Peter, the following order was read and assented to; ordered, that the committee of grievances and courts of justice, are requested to report to this house, the number of days which each of the judges of the third judicial district have attended in each county since, 1809.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplement to the act, entitled, an act for the benefit of the children of Samuel Colston, of Tatbot county. The bill incorporating a company to erect a toll bridge across the Potomac River, at or near Harper's Ferry; and the bill for the relief of Dr. Joseph Allender, of the city of Baltimore, severally endorsed, will pass—ordered to be engrossed. Also, the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 9, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—The geographical advantages possessed by this state in consequence of its happy situation having drawn the attention of so large a portion of its citizens to internal improvement, by means of canal navigation to cheapen transportation and to divert from its present course an immense portion of the western trade into the waters of this state, and the subject continuing to be more and more appreciated in consequence of the experience of neighboring states and the progress of information, and having engrossed so much of the time of the legislature for the last two years, the senate are unwilling to close the present session without giving some more substantial proof of their concern for the advancement of the great interests of the state, than have been evinced by the resolutions for the examination of the several routes of these great water communications, and their assent to mere acts of incorporation unassisted by the necessary pecuniary aid to accomplish these valuable purposes. On a question so vitally important to the good people of this state, it is deeply to be regretted that any conflicting opinions arising from local considerations should be entertained; the senate being persuaded that when this subject is dispassionately and carefully examined, it will be apparent that the true interests of the state calls for the completion of all these improvements. To consummate this policy it is only necessary to lay aside our prejudices and to unite in some plan by which the pecuniary resources of the state may be applied in just and reasonable proportions to the several canals proposed to be made. They therefore invite your honorable body to a conference, and have appointed Messrs. Bowie, Fenwick and Johnson, to join the gentlemen who may be appointed by your house.

By order,

W. KILTY Clk.

Which was read.

The additional supplement to an act entitled, an act for amending and reducing in to system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased