

til about the year 1809, when peculiar circumstances caused the question of the true boundary to be agitated.

It thus appears to your committee, that at all points of time on which testimony can be made to bear, from the earliest settlement of the country bordering on Calvert and Anne Arundel, down to the present time, that the present line, as claimed by Anne Arundel, has been considered to be the divisional line between the two counties, and used as such. They find no testimony conflicting with this opinion: On the contrary, the acts of assembly which have been cited, the record dated in 1694, respecting the boundary of St James' parish, the decision of the house of delegates in 1777 on the contested election of Mr. Mackall, and the oral testimony which relates to the whole period of time, since that decision to the present day, confirm and support it.

Your committee conceive, that it would be a dangerous precedent to take from one county, against its consent, a part of its territory, and give it to another unless its claim be clearly founded in law or equity. There is no precedent of this kind to be found in the legislative history of Maryland, and if one could be found, it would only prove, that the principles of justice and sound legislation had been forgotten amidst a conflict of improper passions, and that the precedent ought to be held up for reprobation.

Your committee moreover believe, that serious evil would hereafter arise from throwing the inhabitants of the lower part of Anne Arundel county into a different county from that in which are recorded the deeds of their land, the wills under which they hold their property, and judicial proceedings, and other acts affecting their rights. Your committee, therefore, after mature deliberation, are of opinion, that the wishes of the county of Calvert cannot be gratified, without violating the just rights of Anne Arundel, and the principles of sound legislation. They therefore recommend the passage of a law to repeal an act, entitled, An act to establish the divisional line between Anne Arundel and Calvert counties.

Which was read

On motion by Mr. Peach, the question was put, That the resolution authorising the treasurer to subscribe for 250 shares in the turnpike road stock from Frederick to Harper's Ferry, be referred to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

## MONDAY, February 14, 1825.

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

Mr. Parran appears in the house.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 14, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Anxious to bring this perhaps, already sufficiently protracted session, to as speedy a close as may be consistent with the public good, and believing that all the necessary business may be transacted by Friday the 25th inst we propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to rise on that day.

By order,  
JOHN BREWER, Ck

Mr. Henderson obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the justices of the orphans court of Cecil county to appoint their clerk. Ordered, That Messrs. Henderson, Ewing and Thomas, report the same. Mr. Henderson reports he said bill.

Mr. Peach obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the supplement to an act, on it &c. An act for the better protection of slave holders in the several counties therein mentioned, so far as the said supplement relates to Prince George's county. Ordered, That Messrs. Peach, R. C. Edelen and Duvall, report the same.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from many citizens of Baltimore, counter to the petition for the union of Pleasant and Hillen streets; referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

Mr. R. C. Edelen, reports a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the sale of the real estate belonging to John Robinson, late of Prince George's county, deceased.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways, was read the second time.

Mr. John Edelen moved to strike out the words "four week" for the purpose of inserting "30 days," in the clause which limits the time the sheriff shall advertise runaways? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Thomas moved to refer the same to the 1st day of June next? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from many officers of the third division of Maryland militia, in relation to the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the better regulation of the militia of the city of Baltimore; referred to the committee on the same subject.

The report of the committee on the report of the armourer, at Annapolis, was read the second time, the report concurred with, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Kemp. Ordered, That the executive cause to be reported to this house, so far as practicable, the number and kind of arms and accoutrements, which have been loaned to the militia of this state, stating the time when loaned, and what bonds remain in the council chamber, and by whom given for the loan of such arms.

The report of the committee of ways and means on the petition of Henry Nicholls, was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Merrick, the further consideration of the same was postponed.

Mr. Peach reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better protection of slaveholders in the several counties therein mentioned, so far as said act relates to Prince-George's county.

The bill relative to the election of the senate by the people, was read the second time.

Mr. Eccleston moved to strike out 5 years for the purpose of inserting 10 years, in the clause requiring a person to be a citizen of the United States? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, the question was put, That twenty-five be stricken out of the clause ascertaining the age at which a person must arrive to be a senator, to insert 21 years?

Determined in the negative.