

delivers the bill, entitled, An act to restrain the practice of habitual drunkenness, endorsed "will pass;" which was read. And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 14, 1825.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing to close the session on Friday the 25th instant and concur therein. By order, W. KILTY, Clk.

The amendments to the bills for the relief of Ann Issett, Ann Williams, Amelia Hamilton, and Mary Snowden, were read the second time, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Wright, the petition of the agricultural society was reconsidered, and referred to the standing committee on the same subject.

Mr. Gantt reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish state warehouses for the inspection of tobacco in the city of Baltimore.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, the following resolutions were read:

Resolved, That the Senators and Representatives of this state in the Congress of the United States, be requested to use their exertions to have the route examined from Washington city, through Fredericktown and Harper's Ferry, to Winchester, in Virginia, with the view of ascertaining the best and most proper location for the contemplated road from Washington city to New Orleans.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to forward a copy of the above resolution to each Senator and Representative in Congress from this state.

Mr. McClean moved to refer the same to the 1st June? Determined in the negative.

The resolutions were then assented to, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Lee, Ordered, That the resolution in favour of Judge Chase have a second reading on to-morrow evening.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to diminish the expense on judicial proceedings.

On motion by Mr. Teackle the following was added to the same; "And be it enacted, That no fee or charge shall be claimed or sent out by any clerk, or other officer of this state, until the service for which the same may be claimed or sent out, shall have been performed and completed, and it is hereby declared that the official oath of such clerk, or other officer, shall embrace this provision."

Mr. Maxcy moved to refer the bill as amended, to the committee of grievances and courts of justice? Determined in the negative.

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

The bill relative to the governor and council, was read the second time. Mr. McClean moved to refer the same to the next general assembly. Determined in the negative. The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Tyson reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to erect a bridge over the Narrows of Kent Island in Queen-Anne's county, passed December session 1819.

Mr. Worthington reports a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the intersection of the Baltimore and Frederick Town turnpike road, near the third mile stone on said road, to M-Ville in Baltimore county.

Mr. Beall reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Francis Preston, of Montgomery county.

Mr. Maxcy reports a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, A supplement to the act laying duties on licenses to retailers of dry goods, and for other purposes, passed at December session 1821, chapter 246.

Mr. Wright reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising gates to be kept on the public roads in Queen Anne's county.

Mr. Kilgour reports a bill, entitled, An act to compensate jurors for services therein mentioned.

Mr. Lantz delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, relative to the location of a road in said county, from the mouth of Fifteen Mile Creek, to the Bank Turnpike Road, beg leave to report—That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners cannot with propriety be granted. The laws of our state have invested the county courts generally with the power of opening new public roads demanded by the convenience or exigencies of the inhabitants of the county; and in Allegany county they have also created the levy court a tribunal for this purpose, having concurrent power in this respect with the county courts. There would therefore be no propriety in assuming and exercising powers which already belong to two courts of the county, wherein they can be much more advantageously exercised; nor is there any reason which would justify such assumption in this instance, which would not justify the legislature in exercising every power which may be exercised by an inferior tribunal. The same may be said in regard to the prayer, that the levy court may be authorised to appropriate money towards the opening and repairing said road, The acts of 1801, ch. 26, and the acts of 1818, ch. 189, fully invest both these tribunals with both the power to locate such road, if demanded by the convenience of the inhabitants of Allegany county, and to appropriate or direct appropriations in order to its completion. They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. By order, W. H. EMORY, Clk.

Which was read

On motion by Mr. Maxcy, the following resolution was read the first and second time and assented to. BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 15 1825

Whereas many wholesale merchants in the city of Baltimore, have neglected to take out licenses as required by the act of assembly passed at December session 1821, chapter 246, entitled, "A supplement to the act laying duties on licenses to retailers of dry goods, and for other purposes;" therefore,

Resolved, That the state agent for the western shore, be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to cause prosecutions to be commenced against all such wholesale merchants, or against any retailer of dry goods, or foreign wares or merchandize, or lottery office keepers, who may have neglected to take out license as required by law; Provided, that no prosecution shall be commenced against any wholesale merchant, retailer, or lottery office keeper, who shall, on or before the first day of June next, take out the