

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

Resolved, That the accompanying report of the auditor be referred, together with any documents that may be furnished as connected therewith by J. P. Hepburn, to the attorney general of the state, with instructions to report his opinion thereon to the next general assembly.

The bill relative to limited partnerships was read the second time.

Mr. Kilgour moved to insert the following after the 12th section. "And be it enacted, That in the event of the failure of any partnership entered into under this act, the partners shall be individually responsible for the amount of such failure out of any property they may possess?" Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, That the following be inserted after the 12th section, to wit: "And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the general partners annually to make out a statement of their debts, credits and joint property, under oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, which shall be filed in the records in the clerks office as provided in the 11th section."

Mr. Spencer moved to refer the whole to the 1st of June? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Barnes moved to refer the same to the next general assembly? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

Affirmative—Messrs. Hawkins, Kilgour, Harris, Ireland, Beckett, Dalrymple, Shower, Worthington, Price, Turner, Spencer, Reynolds, Dennis, Steele, Sullivan, Travers, Thomas, Henderson, Ewing, Grubb, Nicholson, Wright, Parker, Barnes, Cromwell, Farquhar, Hope, Norris Beall, Lee, Lansdale, McMahon, Kipstine—34

Negative—Messrs. Speaker, Millard, McClean, Hodges, Maxey, Parran, J. Edelen, Chapman, Rogerson, Garner, Bennett, Teackle, Jones, R. C. Edelen, Peach, Wootton, Carroll, Jarrett, Hardeastle, Brown, Bonn, Tyson, Bowles, Fouke, White, Merrick, Hoffman—23. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. King, the following order was read: Ordered, That after a motion to refer a bill shall have been negatived, no motion to refer the same bill even to a different period shall be in order, and the question put, That the house assent to the same? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. McClean, the resolution relative to clerks, reported by Mr. Chapman, was read the second time, rescinded, and the following assented to as a substitute.

Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That it shall be the duty of the clerks of the court of appeals, and the clerks of the several county courts in this state, to report to the next general assembly, on the second Monday in January next, the number of cases pending in their respective courts at the time of making said reports, the number of cases decided during the present year, and the number of writs instituted during the same time, the said clerks specifying in their reports the different kinds of actions, the number of continuances which may have been had, and the real causes for which said continuances have been granted.

Mr. Worthington delivers the following report:

The committee of ways and means, in addition to the reports heretofore made to the house, beg leave to report further—That in consequence of the subscription for the reserved shares in the Bank of Baltimore on the part of the state, authorised by the legislature at the present session, and the increase of the capital of the bank, at a time when banking capital is sufficiently abundant for the purposes of commerce, it has become expedient, in the opinion of the committee, to extend the authority now possessed by the bank to invest a part of their capital in public stocks; the state is now deeply interested in the prosperity of the Bank of Baltimore, being a stockholder to the amount of one hundred and eighty thousand dollars, it is therefore expedient to afford to the bank every reasonable facility of employing its capital, and a bill is accordingly herewith reported, which will accomplish this desirable object, without increasing the risk of withdrawing the funds of the bank from those commercial objects for the promotion of which it was originally incorporated. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

WM. H. EMORY, Clk.

Which was concurred with. And the bill therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Hoffman reports a bill, entitled, An act authorising the commissioners of the tax for Allegany county to value and assess certain lands in cases therein mentioned.

On motion by Mr. Beall, Ordered. That when the house adjourns, it stand adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

A quorum not being present, the roll was called under the order proposed by Mr. Nicholson, when the following gentlemen were absent at the call, viz. Messrs. Hawkins, Gough, Kilgour, Millard, Ireland, Gantt, Estep, Beckett, Dalrymple, J. Edelen, Rogerson, Garner, Bennett, Spencer, Reyner, Dennis, Jones, Peach, Speed, Nicholson, Parker, Howard, Tyson, Lansdale and Hoffman.

A quorum having convened, the additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, and the question put. Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

Affirmative—Messrs. Speaker, Hawkins, Harris, Ireland, Hodges, Beckett, Dalrymple, Shower, Worthington, Turner, Bennett, Reynolds, Dennis, Teackle, Steele, Sullivan, Travers, Henderson, Grubb, Wootton, Duvall, Carroll, Barnes, Cromwell, Kemp, Hardeastle, Brown, Tyson, Bowles, White, Lansdale, Kipstine—32.

Negative—Messrs. Gough, Kilgour, Millard, McClean, Parran, J. Edelen, Chapman, Rogerson, Garner, Price, Spencer, King, Jones, Thomas, Ewing, R. C. Edelen, Peach, Nicholson, Wright, Parker, Farquhar, Hope, Norris, Jarrett, Barwick, Bonn, Fouke, Wilson, Beall, McMahon—30. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, the following order was read. Ordered. That those members noted on the journal as absentees at the call of the house of this day, be permitted to record their reasons for absenting themselves.

On motion by Mr. McMahon, the supplement to an act for the recovery of small debts out of court, was reconsidered, amended, and passed. Mr. Montgomery has leave of absence. The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, February 23, 1825:

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Montgomery.

The further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Chapman delivers the following reports:

The committee upon special acts of insolvency, to whom was referred the petition of Reuben D. Tacker, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a supplement to an act passed at this session, granting to him the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state, ask leave to report—That an act was passed during the present session, authorising him to prefer a petition for the benefit of the insolvent laws, notwithstanding his want