

BY THE SENATE, Feb. 26, 1825.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have received your message, with a resolution therein incorporated, in favour of the treasurer of the western shore, and also the bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list and other expenses of civil government.

This being the day fixed upon for the rising of the legislature, and the senate not choosing to protract the session by the fruitless and expensive discussion of a subject upon which their opinions are so dissimilar from those of your honourable body, have passed the said bill, and have at the same time rejected the resolution as altogether unnecessary.

The senate will further observe, that they did not charge your honourable body with a violation of the constitution, nor can that construction be fairly put upon their message, but they still maintain the opinion, that the spirit of the bill of rights and constitution is against the reduction of the salary of the chancellor, as no precedent can be found in this state for the reduction of a judicial salary.

The senate have now no other business before them, and wait the leisure of your honourable body to request the attendance of the governor in the senate chamber, to sign and seal the engrossed bills.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

On the second reading of the resolution in favour of Matthew Murray, Mr. Turner moved a substitute, to wit: Resolved, That all proceedings against Matthew Murray, and his securities, on judgments obtained against them in Baltimore county court by the state of Maryland, shall be suspended until the first day of March 1827, upon the said securities filing with the attorney general, and in the clerk's office of Baltimore county court, their assent, in writing, to such suspension; provided the said Matthew Murray or his securities, shall pay into the hands of the treasurer or state's agent for the western shore, one half of the whole sum due, with interest thereon from the date of such suspension, on or before the first day of March 1826, and the remaining moiety with interest thereon from the date of such suspension, on or before the first day of March 1827; and provided also, that the lien of the state upon any real or personal property shall not in any manner be discharged or impaired by this resolution.

Mr. Maxcy moved the following to be added: 'Provided the said Matthew Murray shall give such additional security as shall be approved of by the state agent of the western shore?' Resolved in the affirmative, and the resolution sent to the senate.

The resolutions in favour of William O'Hara, and Richard Waller and others, were assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Reyner obtained leave to withdraw a bill to establish magistrate's courts.

The engrossed bills from No. 80 to 175, inclusive, was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate returns the same, severally endorsed "read and assented to."

Mr. M'Mahon moved the following message: BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 26, 1825

Gentlemen of the Senate,  
We find ourselves driven to the painful necessity of dissenting from the amendment to the continuing act proposed by your honourable body. We conceive that we cannot, in conscience, longer continue to the chancellor the profuse and enormous salary which he now enjoys; we conceive that duty requires us to reduce it, and that there is nothing in our declaration of rights or constitution to inhibit it. What we have already refused to do directly, by at least four or five different votes of this house, we cannot consent to do indirectly, we stand pledged to our consciences to maintain, in every constitutional way, the ground we have occupied. We regret that this proposition has been so often coupled by your house with acts or propositions of a wholly different character, and in no wise dependent upon it. If your house has resolved to reject every continuing act, unless it also continues the acts giving the chancellor his present salary, and that the whole of the temporary laws of our state, some of which are of a highly important character, shall be set afloat, because your wishes in regard to the chancellor's salary cannot be gratified; we must lament that you have adopted what to us seems, an extraordinary principle, that the wheels of government shall stand still for the sake of a single individual. It seems to us to amount to a declaration, that you are determined not to concur with us in doing acts which both of us admit to be right and proper, because of a difference of opinion as to other acts of a wholly different character; we cannot be deterred from doing what we believe to be right, lest injurious consequences might result from it. With us, the rule has been adopted and adhered to in this instance, that we must pursue the right, so far as we can ascertain it, and if pernicious consequences flow from it, we must leave it to the people of this state to determine whether it is the consequence of our acts, or of your opposition to them. We therefore again return to you the general continuing act, in the hope that you will reconsider and pass it in its original form with its excepting clauses.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, the word "individual" was stricken out and "law" inserted.

Mr. Howard moved the following as a substitute: By the House of Delegates, Feb. 26, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message, informing us that you do not agree to the exception in the continuing act. From the amendment proposed by your honourable body, we have dissented, and rather than suffer the entire part of our system of laws, which hangs upon the continuing act, to expire, and by so doing throw the state into confusion, we wish to make an effort to reconcile the votes of the two houses, and for this purpose propose a committee of conference to report forthwith, and have nominated on the part of this house \_\_\_\_\_

And the question put, That the same now have a second reading? Determined in the negative.

Mr. M'Mahon's message was then adopted and sent to the senate.

The bill to abolish the imprisonment of females for debt, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate. The supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the stockholders of the bank of Baltimore, was passed and sent to the senate.

The amendments to the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections, so far as the same relate to electing trustees of the poor for Harford county, were dissented from.

Mr. Jarrett obtained leave to withdraw the supplement to an act regulating officers fees.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill to abolish the imprisonment of females for debt, endorsed