

By the Senate, January 25th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

In your message, proposing to go into the election of state directors for the several banks in this state, in which the state is interested, we perceive that two gentlemen are put in nomination for the branch bank of the Farmers Bank of Maryland at Easton, who are not residents of Talbot county, and therefore, according to our construction of the act incorporating the Farmers Bank of Maryland, are not eligible.

By referring to the act of 1804, chapter 61, section 8, you will perceive, that until after the state shall have acquired the right to elect more than two directors for the branch bank at Easton, the legislature are precluded from electing any director in that institution, who is not a resident of Easton, or Talbot county.

We have therefore thought it necessary to call your attention to this circumstance, as otherwise gentlemen might be elected who, under the charter, could not hold the appointments.

By order

Wm. Kilty, Clk.

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

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Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message, proposing that a joint letter be addressed to the honourable Ezekiel F. Chambers, informing him of his appointment of Senator of the United States, and concur therein.

By order,

John Brewer, Clk.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions relative to the establishment of a naval academy at the city of Annapolis. And on reading the same,

Mr. Williams moved to strike out "the city of Annapolis" for the purpose of inserting "Havre-de-Grace," in lieu thereof? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Thomas moved to substitute "Port Deposit?" Determined in the negative.

The resolutions were then assented to, as originally submitted.

Mr. Merrick obtained leave to report a bill, entitled, An act relating to actions of replevin; and Messrs. Merrick, Tyson and Brooke, were appointed a committee to prepare the same.

Mr. Merrick reported said bill.

On motion by Mr. Howard, the following order was read:

Ordered, That the house will proceed to the election of a director on the part of the state, in the Bank of Baltimore, at 12 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Williams moved to strike out therefrom the words "at 12 o'clock to-morrow," for the purpose of inserting "forthwith."

And the question was put thereon. Determined in the negative.

The order was then adopted without amendment.

Mr. Merrick reported a bill, entitled, An act for settling the western limits of this state, and the dividing line and boundary between this state and the commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. Barnes presented a petition from Catharine Cunningham, James Cunningham and Edward Campbell, of Frederick county, praying that a law may pass authorising them to mortgage the real estate of William