

a canal in Somerset county; and the bill to amend the constitution and form of government as it relates to the division of Somerset county into election districts, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill regulating appeals from magistrates courts, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments," which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the resolution in favour of Charles Jones, endorsed "assented to,"

The bill for the benefit of Worcester Parish, in Worcester county, was read the second time.

The resolution in favour of the children of William Traverse, was read the second time by special order, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The speaker called Mr. Worthington to the chair.

On the second reading of the bill to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state, as relate to the council to the governor.

On motion by Mr. Williams, the question was put, That the words "the president of the senate," be stricken out of the 4th section, and the words "the speaker of the house of delegates," inserted in lieu thereof. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, the question was put, That the following be added as additional sections:

"And be it enacted, That the governor shall be entitled to receive annually, after the confirmation of this act, the sum of four thousand dollars,

"And be it enacted, That the secretary of the state, directed to be appointed by this act, shall receive an annually salary of two thousand dollars." Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Speaker, That the following be added to the 4th section.

"And if there shall be no president of the senate, or in case of his death, resignation, or removal out of this state, after qualification, or disqualification in any other manner, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, shall act as governor and qualify in the same manner as the governor is directed to qualify, and if there shall be no Speaker of the House of Delegates, then the secretary of state shall act as governor."

Mr. Eccleston moved the following as an amendment thereto; "Provided nevertheless, that upon the death, resignation, or removal out of the state of the governor, during the sitting of the general assembly, the vacancy shall be filled by joint ballot of both houses till the next regular annual election." Resolved in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then assented to.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the following was added as an additional section: "And be it enacted, That the governor and secretary of state shall have their permanent residence at the city of Annapolis, during the term for which they shall hold their appointments."

On motion by the Speaker, that the following be added: "And be it enacted, That the governor shall hold his office for three years, and be eligible for six, and that the secretary of state shall hold his office during the pleasure of the governor,"

Mr. Williams moved the following be added thereto: "Provided that the governor shall hereafter be elected by the people, and not by the legislature." Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the said amendment, as amended. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, that the following be added: