

shore on which such clerk or register may reside, the amount of the expenses which such clerk or register may have incurred for the last preceding twelve months, in conducting and transacting the business of his office; and such amount of expenses shall be first deducted from the amount of fees which such clerk or register may have received for any one year, before the tax imposed by the said act, on the excess over and above fifteen hundred dollars, shall be demanded and received by the treasurer.

The bill concerning mortgages and other deeds, was read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

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

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the Rev. Mr. Rafferty, or his order, the sum of one hundred dollars, to the Rev. Mr. Smith, or his order, the sum of fifty dollars, and to the Rev. Mr. Hall the sum of 50 dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, for their services as chaplains during the present session.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent free negroes from selling any corn, wheat or tobacco, without having a license for that purpose from a justice of the peace, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The resolution in favour of Samuel Bradford, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The bill to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the river Susquehanna, was read the second time.

Mr. Thomas moved to make the draw 50 feet. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Goldsborough, 45 was inserted.

On motion by Mr. Hall, the same was reconsidered, and 45 feet stricken out and 42 feet inserted.

Mr. Thomas moved to strike out the 9th section to insert the following:

And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said company to cause the said bridge to be so constructed as to enable the tallest rigged vessels navigating said river, to sail under it either by day or by night, without injury to any part of her hull, masts, spars, riggen or cargo.

Determined in the negative.

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

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

By the House of Delegates, March 8, 1826.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to cause the ceiling of the senate chamber, and of the house of delegates, to be carefully examined, and if it is found necessary, to have the same repaired and put in