

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, A further additional supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers, a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Benjamin Morris, of Baltimore county, a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to amend and explain the thirty-third section of an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore town, in Baltimore county, severally passed by that house January 11, 1808; a bill, entitled, An act to enable Margaret Hammond and Harriet Hammond, of Baltimore county, to erect a bridge across Patapsco river, at a place called Hammond's Ferry, a bill, entitled, An act authorising John Mitchell, late sheriff and collector of Caroline county, to complete his collection, a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of George Gray, of Calvert county, severally passed by that house January 12, 1808; and the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, January 11, 1808.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

WE unite with you in the policy of a joint committee to examine the laws of Maryland regulating the election of members of congress. We have appointed, on the part of this house, Mr. J. E. Spencer, Mr. C. Dorsey, Mr. T. B. Dorsey, Mr. Shaaff and Mr. Tabbs, to join the committee appointed on the part of the senate.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which were severally read the first time, and the bills ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes, passed by that house January 11, 1808. Ordered that the said bill be engrossed.

The following message was read and agreed to.

By the SENATE, January 12, 1808.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

WE have negatived your resolution in favour of John Trueman. The senate, in their message accompanying their dissent to your former resolution on this subject, meant not to be understood as offering "an alternative" to the house of delegates. We were of opinion that the sum proposed by you was too large, and that the legislature, in bestowing their charity on an infirm and superannuated attendant of the house of delegates, ought also to regard the indigent widow and family of a deceased officer of the senate, at least equally as meritorious, in every point of view, and whose family, by the death of a husband and a father, have at once been deprived of all resources depending on his life. If the senate had not been desirous to avoid the litigated question of the constitutional right of their altering a resolution of that description, they would have directly amended it, by reducing the sum and extending the provisions of the resolution to Edward Roberts's widow and family. Would this, we ask, if it had been done, had the appearance of offering to your house an alternative? Surely it could not, no more than when your branch sends us a bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, named therein, the senate amend the same by the insertion of the names of other persons, whom they conceive also equally entitled to the benefits of such a bill; so in the case now agitated, the senate, to avoid raising a question that might have been occasioned by directly amending your resolution, suggested, by way of message, the extension of its provisions, as an amendment upon which it would meet their approbation. This, we conceive, is perfectly accordant to the customary forms of proceeding, and upon principles of correct legislation, should be denominated an amendment suggested, and not "an alternative" offered.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

The president laid before the senate a letter from the executive, enclosing accounts of expenditures during the last year; which were read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The senate, pursuant to their resolution, proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, and, on progression in reading said bill, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment thereto? to wit: Strike out from the word "school" in the last line of the 1st page to the word "all" in the 1st line of the 2d page. Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment? to wit: Strike out the letter "s" at the end of the word "officers" in the 5th line of the 7th page. Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment? to wit: Strike out from the word "aforesaid" in the 2d line from the bottom of the 7th page to the word "and" in the 8th line of the 8th page. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Mr. Covington: 1.

N E G A T I V E.

Mr. Thomas, president, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Mason, Mr. M'Elerry, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Shriver, Mr. Smithson, Mr. Somervell, Mr. Whitely and Mr. Williams. 13.

So it was determined in the negative.

On further progression, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following as an amendment? to wit: Strike out from the word "shall" in the 13th line of the 8th page to the word "and" in the 17th line of the same page. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow: