

tion of such building, the machinery of which, if necessary, to be worked by water, steam, or otherwise; that, by publication of this resolution, they give notice that they will receive description of, and proposals for the sale of, such site, and that they procure, if practicable, the annual report of the different establishments of the same kind in the United States.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 25, 1808.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to purchase sixty-two copies of the Landholder's Assistant and Land-Office Guide, published by John Kilty, and to pay the amount thereof out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council cause the said books to be forwarded and distributed as follows; To the place of the holding of the county courts, three copies, one for the county court, one for the orphans court, and one for the levy court of each county; and two for the court of appeals, one for the high court of chancery, and two for the general assembly.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which were severally read the first and second time by especial order, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution relative to the investments was read the second time by especial order, dissented from, and with the following message, sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

By the SENATE, December 25, 1808.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

WE have rejected the resolution respecting the investments. If your house will originate a resolution investing the sum of sixty thousand dollars in the stock reserved in the Farmer's Bank of Maryland, the sum of forty thousand dollars in the stock reserved in the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, the sum of five thousand dollars in the stock of the Baltimore and Frederick-town turnpike road company, and five thousand dollars in the stock of the Baltimore and York-town turnpike company, it will meet with our concurrence.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

The senate adjourns until 4 o'clock, Post Meridiem.

POST MERIDIEM, 4 o'clock.

THE senate met.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the engrossed bills No. 113, 114 and 115, severally assented to by that house December 25, 1808; which were severally read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, An act to alter the times of the meeting of the court of appeals, and for other purposes, with the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 25, 1808.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

WE beg leave to return you the bill, entitled, An act to alter the times of the meeting of the court of appeals, and for other purposes, with a hope, that upon reconsideration, you will recede from the amendments proposed by your honourable body. The bill was framed in this house with a view to correct an inconvenience in the present arrangements of the sessions of the court of appeals on the eastern and western shores. The existing laws provide, that the court shall hold two sessions, annually, on each shore respectively, and the judges of that court were of opinion, that the business could be done with more facility by suffering them to hold one session only on each shore for the purpose of hearing causes argued; as the sessions are now arranged the court is restricted to one week only in the summer, and one in the winter, on the eastern shore, which is considered by much too short a time for the transaction of the business, and the bill passed by this house gave no limitation to the session on the eastern shore, thus enabling the judges to get entirely through business at one sitting. The court on the western shore commences on the third Monday of June and December, by which arrangement the summer session is thrown into the hottest season of our climate, and the judges complain of the indispositions produced among them by this cause. Many members of the bar, and most of the suitors, are farmers, who it is presumed would be anxious to attend their harvests, which they cannot do if the system remains as it is at present; or as contemplated by your amendment. By having a session on the eastern shore in the winter the judges are obliged to pass and repass the bay at an inclement season, and for this cause are often prevented from attending the court until it is too late to engage in business with any expectation of getting through it so as to enable them to return to Annapolis to hold the court on the western shore at the appointed time. By referring to the arrangements of the several courts through the state it will probably be found that the sessions of the court of appeals cannot be advanced to earlier periods without deranging many of the county courts, and the amendments proposed by you, which brings the session of the eastern shore court of appeals to the second Monday of November, interferes with the courts of Baltimore, Worcester, Talbot, Montgomery and Washington. In fine, we believe that no alteration can be made so convenient as that contemplated by the bill of this House, and as the sessions on the eastern shore are too limited in their duration, one of them should be advanced to the first Monday of November, and one of those on the western shore being necessarily thrown into the hottest