

On motion by Mr. Emory the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to authorise the sheriffs of the different counties in the state to charge and receive ten per centum for the collection of all officers' fees which by law they are obliged to collect? Resolved in the affirmative. *Ordered*, That Messrs. Emory, Swearingen and Ennalls be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1812.

THE House met.—Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The resolutions in favor of John S. Belt and John Boone were sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. C. Dorsey the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 2, 1812.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message accompanying the return of the bill entitled, An act separating the business of the court of chancery, and authorising the holding of the sessions of the said court, for the Eastern Shore, and for other purposes; and we have to express our regret, that you have negatived our third amendment proposed to the bill. That amendment was deemed essential to ensure to the citizens of Maryland a remedy for evils in the administration of chancery justice, of which they have by their representatives in the popular branch, complained for the last four years; evils daily increasing with the progress of our wealth and population; and we receive the assurance which your honorable body has given us, of your zeal to co operate with this house in "amending the chancery system, so as to advance the convenience, and the best interest of our citizens," as a pledge that our distant constituents will eventually be released from the grievous system of jurisprudence under which they have so long groaned. To effectuate a reform for this purpose, and to produce an union of opinion between the two branches, we propose a conference between the two houses, and for that purpose nominate Messrs. C. Dorsey, Sanders and Groome, a committee to join any gentlemen nominated by you.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

Which was read the second time, and the question put, That the house assent to the same.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.
Parnham
C. Dorsey
Randall

Moffitt
T. Williams
F. Hall

Sanders
Street
H. Hall

Riggs
Owens
Evans