

time, passed with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

*Amendment proposed.*

After the word "directed" in the first line of the second page, insert "if they shall see proper."

The president laid before the senate a letter from Robert Bowie, Esquire, accepting the appointment of governor; which was read and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, An act to make valid the will of William Baird, late of Washington county, deceased; and a bill entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of Clarissa Smith, severally passed by that house, Nov. 14th, 1811; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Levi Hollingsworth from the committee delivers a bill entitled, An act relative to the inspection of tobacco in the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the resolution relative to printing the acts and resolutions and the votes and proceedings of the general assembly, assented to by that house Nov. 14, 1811, with certain amendments; which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled, An act for the relief of Daniel A. Smithson, of Harford county, was read the second time, and will pass with the proposed amendment.

*Amendment proposed.*

Strike out from the word "that" in the first enacting clause to the end of the bill, and insert "the said Daniel A. Smithson be, and he is hereby authorised to apply to some justice of the peace for said county; who shall thereupon issue his warrant directed to the constable of the hundred where the land lies, commanding him to summon five substantial freeholders not related to said Smithson or any way interested, to be and appear on the premises on a day to be therein expressed; which said freeholders, upon their oaths, to be administered by some justice of the peace, shall enquire and ascertain what damages, if any, said Smithson has sustained by reason of the said road having been located and opened through his lands; and the said freeholders are hereby required to consider the convenience, benefit, advantages, and disadvantages occasioned by opening said road; and the constable shall return the verdict of said jury, or of the majority of them, under their hands and seals, to the levy court of Harford county; who shall levy the amount of damages, (if any,) therein expressed, on the assessable property of said county, to be collected and paid to said Smithson or his order."