

The president laid before the senate the following letter :
BALTIMORE, Nov. 30, 1811.

SIR,

A short trial has been sufficient to prove that it is quite impossible for me to attend in a satisfactory manner to my duties as a senator of this state, without neglecting the urgent duties of my profession, to which the sacrifice of the best years of my life in the public service makes it necessary that I should now entirely devote myself.

It was my sincere desire to manifest my gratitude for the flattering confidence in my zeal and good intentions which my election implied, by a regular attendance in the senate ; but as I find this to be impracticable, I have no choice but to resign.

I beg you therefore, Sir, to do me the honor to communicate this my resignation to the body over which you preside, and to believe me to be with the highest respect and esteem.

Your faithful and obedient servant,
WILLIAM PINKNEY.

The Hon. WILLIAM THOMAS, President of }
the Senate of Maryland.

Which was read.

The bill entitled, An act to repeal the third section of an act entitled, An act continuing an act relating to costs in criminal cases, was read the second time, passed with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Amendments proposed.

At the end of the bill add, "Provided that there shall be deducted from such costs in every county the same per centage as may or shall be paid by the levy court of any county for collecting the levy of said county."

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, A supplement to the act entitled, An act to make public a road in Prince George's county, a bill entitled, An act to survey and lay out a road from near the dwelling of the late John Stevenson, to intersect the old York road near Jesop's mill ; a bill entitled, An act to lay out a road from Richard Britain's mill and manufactory, to intersect M'Mechen's road at Tudor's lane in Baltimore county, severally passed by that house December 2, 1811 ; and a bill entitled, An act for the benefit of John Reardon of Harford county, passed by that house December 3, 1811 ; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the senate proceed to ballot for a director on the part of the state in the bank of Baltimore, and the person having a majority of the votes of the attending members be declared duly elected.

The senate proceeded thereto, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared that Benjamin Hodges was unanimously elected. Whereupon