

faithful performance of this duty to the state of Maryland, with security to be approved by the governor and council; which bond shall be lodged in the treasury of the Western Shore; and the said chief clerk shall after his having given the said bond, proceed to dispose of the said books, and when a sale is made of the whole or of any part thereof, he shall pay the amount of sales into the treasury, making a deduction of six per cent for his services.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Ck.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. Also returns the bill entitled, An act to authorise Stephen H. Ford and Grace Ford to lease the freehold and leasehold estate of Ann Evans Hammond and William Hammond infants of the city of Baltimore; and the bill entitled, An act to empower Robert Casey and Elizabeth Casey, of the city of Baltimore, to lease the freehold and leasehold estate of Jane B. Hammond and Henry Hammond infants of the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes; with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 31, 1811.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We beg leave to transmit to your honorable body the bill entitled, An act to empower Robert Casey and Elizabeth Casey, of the city of Baltimore, to lease the freehold and leasehold estate of Jane B. Hammond and Henry Hammond infants of the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes; and the bill entitled, An act to authorise Stephen H. Ford and Grace Ford, to lease the freehold and leasehold estate of Ann Evans Hammond and William Hammond infants of the city of Baltimore, and hope that upon re-consideration you will be induced to pass the same.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Ck.

Which was read. Also returns the bill entitled, An act relative to the inspection of tobacco in the city of Baltimore, endorsed "by the house of delegates December 30, 1811; read the second time, and will not pass". Also returns the bill entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, An act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections and to regulate said elections, passed by that house December 30, 1811; ordered to be engrossed. Also returns the resolutions approving the measures of the administration, &c. assented to by that house December 30, 1811.

The senate proceeded agreeably to their resolution, to the second reading of the bill entitled, An act to tax bank-stock and other monied institutions within the state; and the bill being read, the question was put, Shall this bill pass with the proposed amendment?

*Amendment proposed.*

Strike out from the word "company" in the 3d line of the 3d page to the end of the clause.