

4th. At the end of the bill add, "And be it enacted, that if the before mentioned company shall not proceed to carry on the said work within two years from the passing of this act, and shall not complete the same in ten years thereafter, the right of the said company shall revert to the state."

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, an act authorizing the levy court of Cecil county to open a road in said county; a bill entitled, an act for the relief of George P. Stevenson; a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Mary Still, Esther Still and Edeth Still, of Caroline county; a bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act declaring what shall be evidence in certain cases therein mentioned; a bill entitled, an act for the relief of John Bullen, of Talbot county; a bill entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland, and for the extension of the charters of the several Banks in this state, and for other purposes, severally passed by that house, Dec. 16, 1812, and the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 16, 1812.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the trustees of Charlotte Hall School, in Saint Mary's county, on the first day of January annually, or to their order, the sum of three hundred dollars, in addition to the present donation to the said school.

By order,

UPTON S. REID, Clk.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. Also returns the bill entitled, an act authorizing Thomas Saulsbury, late sheriff and collector of Caroline county, to complete his collection, endorsed, by the house of delegates, Dec. 16, 1812, read the second time, and will pass. Ordered to be engrossed.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, an act authorizing a lottery for raising a sum of money to build a church in the town of Cumberland, in Allegany county, passed by that house, Dec. 16, 1812; and the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 17, 1812.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

The office of register of wills for Harford county having become vacant by the resignation of Abraham Jarrett, Esq. former register, we propose with the concurrence of your house, to proceed immediately to an election to supply the vacancy. Wm. D. Lee and Samuel Richardson are put in nomination by this house. Mr. Bond and Mr. Potts are appointed by this house to join such gentlemen as may be appointed by you to count the ballots and report accordingly.

By order,

UPTON S. REID, Clk.

Which were severally read the first time and the bill ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland, and for the extension of the charters of the several banks in this state, and for other purposes, was read the second time by special order, and the question put, shall this bill pass?

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE:

Messrs. Bruce, Hawkins, Holbrook, L. Hollingsworth, W. Hollingsworth, MacCreery, N. Williams.—7.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Thomas, (President,) Brown, Davis, Lloyd, Stephen.—5.

So it was resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk. The following message was read and agreed to:

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 17, 1812.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

Your message proposing a conference between the two branches of the legislature, upon the subject of the bill vesting unlimited jurisdiction in the county courts of this state, has been received and fully deliberated upon. The subject to which it relates is certainly of great importance, and well deserves the most serious consideration that can be bestowed upon it, because it embraces in its operation a very considerable portion of the judicial policy of the state. The senate rejected the bill which originated in your house, under a conviction that its provisions were inadequate to attain the object contemplated by you. At the same time therefore that we declare an anxious desire to consult in every respect the interest and convenience of the people, we feel ourselves bound to take care that the system proposed shall be fully competent to effect the important and interesting purposes for which it is proposed to be instituted. Considering the subject therefore as of the last importance, and the time which remains to be devoted to the great mass of business yet to be acted upon, as being barely sufficient for that purpose, we think it most advisable to decline a further consideration of the subject referred to in your message at the present session, in order to afford time for preparing and digesting a system more perfect and adequate in its provisions.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

The senate adjourns until 6 o'clock, P. M.

POST MERIDIAN, 6 o'clock.

The Senate met.

Mr. Bruce from the committee to whom were referred the resolutions in favor of the officers and soldiers during the revolutionary war, delivers the following report, viz.

The committee to whom were referred the resolutions relative to the old soldiers, state, that they have had the same under examination, and given to the subject due consideration. From the very great and increased number of applications, it became a point of the first consideration to know, how far the funds of the state would justify an annual incumbrance to such an amount. An examination into these fully satisfies us that such a demand could not be met from the clear revenue of the state, particularly when the unusual and extraordinary expence of the present session is taken into calculation, and would occasion a diminution in our capital equal to the amount of these pensions. It