

the public records, books and papers belonging or appertaining to the several public offices in their respective counties, to be carefully packed in boxes for that purpose to be provided by the said justices and removed to a place of safety within their respective counties; and that proper and convenient rooms be provided by the said justices for the reception of the said records, books and papers and for transacting the business appertaining to the several offices aforesaid; and that all necessary expenses attending such removal and providing rooms as aforesaid and returning the said records, books and papers belonging to their several and respective counties shall be levied by the said justices of the said several counties on the assessable property in the county, and collected and paid in the same manner as other county charges are collected and paid.

And be it enacted, that after the removal as aforesaid of the records, books and papers herein before mentioned, the business of the several offices aforesaid, shall be transacted by the respective officers thereof, at the several and respective places to which the said records, books and papers shall be removed in the same manner as if the said offices and the records, books and papers thereof had not been removed; and that all process issuing from any of the said offices shall be made returnable on the day and at the place such process would have been made returnable if the records, books and papers had not been removed.

And be it enacted, that when, and so soon as the danger to be apprehended from an invasion from the enemy shall no longer exist, the governor and council and justices of levy courts of the several counties aforesaid, shall cause all the said records, books and papers to be returned to the several and respective places from whence they shall have been first removed.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Millard, Blackistone, Wm. Stewart, C. Hall, Belt, Wm. Hall, Stansbury, Harryman, Hambleton, Caldwell, Banning, Seth, Long, Waller, Lecompte, Griffith, Somervell, Callis, Claude, L. Duvall, Wright, Emory, Stevens, Burgess, Wilson, Handy, Quinton, Forwood (of Jb.) Young, Lewis, Kilgour, Crabb, Perry.—33.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Plater, Causin, Graves, Reynolds, Taney, Turner, Emerson, Stonestreet, Dorsey, Ford, Parnham, Warner, Bayly, A. E. Jones, Jno. Stewart, Tootel, Evans, Lusby, Hogg, Frey, F. M. Hall, T. N. Williams, Grahame, Davis, Potts, Delaplane, Potter, Hughlett, M'Donald, Bowles, Wm. B. Williams, Sprigg, Abm. Jones, Riggs, M'Culloh, Robinett, Cresap.—37.

So it was determined in the negative.

The bill having been read throughout and amended, the question was put, shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill entitled, an act to provide for the settlement of claims arising from the past or future employment of the militia of this state, and the same having been read throughout and amended, the question was put, shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The speaker informed the house that he had received a communication which should be deemed confidential. The galleries were cleared and the doors closed. After some time spent in secret session the doors were again opened.

Mr. Blackistone delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Thomas B. Briscoe of Saint Mary's county; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following communication from the executive:

COUNCIL CHAMBER, ANNAPOLIS, May 25, 1813.

To the Honorable the General Assembly,

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to enclose a copy of my letter to the president of the United States, deputing the honorable William B. Martin and Walter Dorsey, to wait on him with the resolution of the legislature of the twentieth inst. together with the report made by these gentlemen to me; a copy of the note presented to the president and his answer.

I have the honor to be, with much respect, your ob't serv't,

LEVIN WINDER.

Which was read, and together with the papers accompanying it, referred to the committee on so much of the governor's message as relates to the defence of the state, the said committee enlarged by the addition of Messrs. Dorsey and Young.

Mr. Forwood (of Jacob) delivers a petition in behalf of the inhabitants of Havre-de-Grace, praying relief, in consequence of the losses sustained by them from an incursion of the enemy; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick town, in Cecil county, and the committee enlarged by the addition of Messrs. Forwood (of Jacob) and Lewis Duvall.

On motion by Mr. Plater, the house proceeded to the second reading of the bill entitled, an act to provide further means for the defence of the state, and the same having been read throughout and amended, on motion by Mr. Emory the question was put that the further consideration thereof be postponed until to morrow. Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, shall the said bill pass?

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Millard, Plater, Blackistone, Causin, Graves, Bover, Belt, Reynolds, Taney, Turner, Stonestreet, Dorsey, Ford, Parnham, Hambleton, Caldwell, Banning, Seth, Bayly, Long, A. E. Jones, Waller, Jno. Stewart, Tootel, Griffith, Evans, Lusby, Frey, Hogg, Somervell, Callis, T. N.