

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill entitled, an act to relinquish the right of the state to certain property therein mentioned, endorsed, "will not pass"

The bill entitled, an act to open and make public a road from New Windsor in Frederick county; the bill entitled, an act for the relief of William Patterson, William Smith, William Cooke and others; and the bill entitled, an act to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, severally endorsed, "will pass" Ordered to be engrossed; and the bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to make a turnpike road from the District of Columbia to the city of Baltimore, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read.

The bill entitled, an act to give validity and operation to a deed therein mentioned; and the bill entitled, an act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned, were severally read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill entitled, an act concerning sentences of foreign courts; & a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Robt. Gorsuch, late collector of Baltimore county, severally passed by the senate Jan. 17, which were read, and the bill entitled, an act directing the manner in which justices of the peace shall qualify and for other purposes, accompanied by the following message:

BY THE SENATE, January 17, 1814.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.*

The senate returns the bill entitled, an act directing the manner in which justices of the peace shall qualify and for other purposes, and requests that it may be reconsidered by your house. The principal object of this bill is to provide that the qualifications of justices should be matter of record. It is essential that a record should be made of such qualifications to complete the system on which depend the certainty and safety of all titles to real estates. There are moreover, multiplied duties, and highly important official acts devolved on that extensive body of magistracy, certificates of which are duly required, and to be accompanied with a verification that the persons by whom such acts are performed were duly commissioned and sworn.

There remains no evidence among the records of the county, of the qualifications of justices of the peace. The test books in the county courts are frail memorials of their contents; and it is not required by law that even those mere memorandums should comprehend the proof that the oaths of office have been taken by justices as their duty requires. The attention of the House of Delegates is therefore again invited to a consideration of the provisions of this bill.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

Which was read.

Also the bill entitled, an act authorising the sale of the real estate of Ruth Howard, deceased, wife of Thomas W. Howard, and for other purposes, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments," which amendments were read, assented to and the bill ordered to be engrossed, and the following message:

BY THE SENATE, January 17, 1814.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We have received your message of the 4th instant, proposing to appoint on this day directors in the several banks on the part of this state, by joint ballot, and are agreed forthwith to proceed to the election. We have nominated, as directors for the Union Bank of Maryland, John E. Howard and Charles Carroll of Carrollton; for the Mechanic's Bank of Baltimore, Samuel Sterrett and Cornelius Comegys, for the Commercial and Farmers' Bank of Baltimore, James Hindman; for the Farmers' Bank of Maryland at Annapolis, Thomas Harris, Junr. and Brice J. Werthington; for the branch of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland at Easton, Robert L. Nicholls and David Kerr, Junr. for the Hager's-Town Bank, Thomas B. Hall and Thomas Buchanan; and for the Elkton Bank, John Stump, of Cecil. Messrs. N. Williams and Brown are appointed by the senate to join such gentlemen as may be named by your house, to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

THOMAS ROGERS, Clk.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Caleb Boyle, of Baltimore county, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Belt delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Thomas Batt, of Anne-Arundel county; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Maulsby delivers a petition from Samuel Harper, of Harford county, praying compensation for the injury done to him by a road passing through his land; which was read and referred to Messrs. Maulsby, Forwood, (of Jb.) and Saulsbury.

Mr. Callis delivers a petition from Mary M. Bowie, and Robert W. Bowie, of Prince George's county, administrators of Thomas Contee Bowie, praying that they may be authorised to sell part of the real estate of the said Thomas C. Bowie; which was read and referred to Messrs. Callis, F. M. Hall and Somervell.

The bill entitled, an act to prevent persons from staking out seines across the rivers Transquaher, Chickwicomico and Black Water in Dorchester county, was read the second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed until the 18th day of June next.

Mr. Saulsbury delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Hatfield Wright, of Caroline county; Mr. Crabb a bill entitled, an act to regulate the period of servitude of female apprentices, and to extend the time of female infancy; and Mr. Callis a bill entitled, an act to repeal an act entitled, an act to open and extend Pratt street in the city of Baltimore, passed at November session 1811, and the supplement thereto; which were read.

The bill entitled, an act annulling the marriage of John Brown, and Mary Brown of Freder-