

Taylor, Edward Harris, Daniel Murray, Thomas H. Bowie, David Kerr, Junr. Tench Tilghman, Joseph M'Ilhenny, John Harvy and John Frey be, and they are hereby declared to be directors on the part of this state for the ensuing year in the banks aforesaid.

Mr. Mason delivers a bill entitled, an act to straighten and amend an old road in Washington county; which was read

The bill from the senate entitled, an act to open a road from John Cain's tavern to Berlin in Frederick county, was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. John Thomas, the question was put, that the house receive the following as an amendment thereto, viz. In the sixth line of the first section, strike out the words "said county" and insert "the petitioners for said road or such of them as may be willing to contribute thereto." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. John Thomas, the question was put, that the house receive the following as an amendment, viz. Strike out the 3rd, 4th, and 5th sections of the bill and insert the following in lieu thereof, viz. And the said road when so laid out and completed, and a plat and certificate thereof returned to the levy court, shall be recorded among the records of said county, and be thereafter deemed and taken as a public road and shall be kept in repair as other public roads in the county are directed to be.

AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, shall be entitled to any damages by this act.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, the question was divided, and the question put, that the house consent to strike out the 3rd, 4th, and 5th sections. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

#### AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Causin, Blackiston, Stonestreet, Ford, Rogerson, Bayly, Waller, Stewart, Griffith, Lushy, Hogg, Robert Evans, S. mervell, Callis, Quinton, John Thomas, Delaplane, John H. Thomas, Potter, Kilgour, M'Culloh—21.

#### NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Boyer, Jervis Spencer, Hands, Dorsey, Sellman, Belt, Wm. Hall, Blake, Turner, Parnham, Randall, Warner, J. na. Spencer, Stansbury, Bennett, Martin, Cottman, Duvall, Wright, Forwood, (of Wm.) Saulsbury, Culbreth, Willis, Barney, Tilghman, Mason, Kershner, Gabby, Robinett, Howard—30.

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, the question was put, that the fifth section be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. John H. Thomas, the question was put, that the following be added to the first section? "Provided, That the said road shall not be laid out through any building, orchard, garden, yard or meadow of any person without his or her consent in writing, first had and obtained?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. John H. Thomas, the question was put, that the following be inserted after the first section.

"AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners or a majority of them shall, and they are hereby directed and required, to make or cause to be made, a plot of the said road when surveyed as aforesaid, and shall make return of the said plot, together with a certificate of the courses of the said road, to the clerk of Frederick county, to be recorded among the records of said county; and when the same shall have been laid out, surveyed, marked and bounded, as directed by this act, the said road shall forever thereafter, be deemed a public highway, and shall be kept in repair at the public expense as other public roads of Frederick county are? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. John H. Thomas, the question was put, that the 2nd 3rd and 4th sections be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Barney delivers a bill entitled, an act to fix and regulate the quality of silver plate manufactured or sold or offered for sale in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill entitled, an act supplementary to an act entitled, an act to incorporate the Washington Cotton Manufacturing Company of the city of Baltimore; and the bill entitled, an act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the name of the Farmers' and Merchant's Bank of Caroline, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read.

Mr. John H. Thomas from the committee to whom were referred the preamble and resolutions relating to elections of delegates to the General Assembly, delivers the following report:

The Committee to whom were referred the resolutions, with the preamble thereto, proposed to the house of delegates, relative to the qualifications and elections of its members, beg leave to submit a brief report to the house upon the nature and tendency of the proposition thus referred to them.

In the preamble as well as in the body of the resolutions, certain familiar and undeniable principles, regarding the free character of our republican constitution, the rights and power of the people, and the duty and obligations of their delegates, are set forth with a formal solemnity of manner, which seems to have been designed to produce an impression abroad, that these principles had been questioned or endangered in this house, where they ought always to find a safe and inviolable sanctuary.

The present house of delegates of Maryland, it is presumed, are not formed of that cast, which should render necessary from them any professions of attachment to the cause of public