

"And be it enacted, that in case of such removal and transfer of the public records as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the proper officers to attend at the place to which the same shall have been removed and transferred, for the performance of their respective duties, and the usual transaction of public business." The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow :

**AFFIRMATIVE.**—Messrs. Fenwick, Hebb, W. Hollingsworth, Williams, Worthington.—5

**NEGATIVE.**—Messrs. Davis, (Pres't) Frazier, Hawkins, Holbrook, Stephen.—5

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, will the senate receive the following as an amendment? viz. "And be it enacted, That if there shall not have been any return of the public records to the city of Annapolis, by the time when the court of appeals of the Western Shore & the court of chancery are to be held by adjournment, or otherwise, then the said courts respectively shall be held at the place to which the said public records shall be removed as aforesaid, and that all suits, actions, appeals, writs of error, pleas, process and proceedings of every nature and kind whatsoever, shall be continued, and be made returnable at the place to which the said courts are hereby directed to be holden, and that the said courts respectively, when met at the place aforesaid, shall proceed to hear and determine on all or any of the suits, actions, appeals, writs of error, pleas, process and proceedings, in the said courts respectively, in the same manner as if the said courts were held at the usual place of holding such courts." The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow."

**AFFIRMATIVE.**—Messrs. Fenwick, Hebb, W. Hollingsworth, Williams, Worthington.—5

**NEGATIVE.**—Messrs. Davis, (Pres't) Frazier, Hawkins, Holbrook, Stephen.—5

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, will the senate receive the following as amendments? viz. "And be it enacted, that so soon as the cause which induced said removal shall cease to operate, it shall be the duty of the governor, for the time being, to cause the said records to be returned to the city of Annapolis, where the business of the several offices and courts of justice shall be conducted as heretofore."

"And be it enacted, That if at any time during the present or any future session of the general assembly, the regular session of said assembly should be interrupted by reason of the enemy invading any part of the country near the city of Annapolis, or invading or taking possession of said city, or such other events should occur as to render it unsafe to continue the session at Annapolis, and no adjournment shall have been made to meet at any other place, by reason of the members thereof having dispersed or otherwise, then and in that case, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of delegates, shall each adjourn their respective houses to meet at the court house in the city of Baltimore, on some day within four days thereafter, & the said president & speaker shall take necessary measures for removing the books, papers and records of their respective houses to the said court house in the city of Baltimore."

"And be it enacted, That in case the general assembly shall hereafter be about to convene, and the city of Annapolis, or the adjoining country should be in possession of the enemy, or any event should render it unsafe to assemble at said city, the governor shall be, and he is hereby authorised to convene by proclamation, the general assembly at the city of Baltimore." Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, shall this bill pass with the proposed amendments? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, will the senate receive the following as an amendment? viz. Strike out the title, and insert in lieu thereof, "an act providing for the safety of the public records, and for other purposes." Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. N. Williams presented petitions from Joshua Hicks and Ephraim Buckingham, praying to be released from confinement in the jail of Baltimore county. Which were severally read and referred to Messrs. N. Williams, Frazier and Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Williams from the committee, delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Joshua Hicks and Ephraim Buckingham, of Baltimore county. Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate adjourns until Monday morning nine o'clock.

**MONDAY, January 2, 1815.**

The Senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. L. Hollingsworth. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The bill entitled, an act authorising the executive of this state to provide for the meeting of the general assembly, and for the removal and transfer of the public records and offices in certain emergencies, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion of Mr. Holbrook, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act relating to the poor of Caroline county. Ordered, that Messrs. Holbrook, Williams and Hawkins, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill entitled, an act to change the place of holding the election in the third election district in Caroline county, was read the second time and will not pass; sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Baltimore beneficial society. The bill entitled, an act to revive and make valid the proceedings of the orphans' court of Saint Mary's county.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Joshua Hicks and Ephraim Buckingham, of Baltimore county. And the bill entitled, an act relating to Saint Paul's lane in the city of Baltimore and for other purposes, were severally read the second time, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, an act authorising Thomas W. Griffith,