

in the term of the election of Mayor and Aldermen, making them triennial officers, and this house still think it would be better for them to be annually appointed, in as much as no incapacity is created, of their being re-elected as often as the voters of Frederick may think proper, they are induced to believe that the amendments proposed by this house on that subject, are preferable to the bill as it was passed by your honorable body. And further that the last enacting clause being stricken out, proceeded from a doubt at the time, whether or not the law of evidence as known and practised throughout this state, was not attempted to be unnecessarily innovated by it. But this house have since been convinced that the only exception goes to the interest arising from the simple circumstance of being a member of the corporation; and therefore do recede from that amendment. But from all considerations taking into view the few alterations made to so voluminous a bill by this house, and that those adhered to were made advisedly, it is conceived that they evince no unwarrantable pertinacity in insisting on the amendments heretofore proposed to your honorable body, except receding from the 9th amendment.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

The bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act providing for the calling out and detaching the militia of this state, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed with sundry amendments, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Mary Johnson, of Charles county. A bill entitled, an act authorising the criminal court of Baltimore county, to make the assessments therein mentioned. A bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Western run manufacturing company of Baltimore. And a bill entitled, a further additional supplement to an act entitled, an act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, severally passed by that house 30th of January 1815. And a bill annulling the marriage of James W. James, alias James Weeks, late of the city of Baltimore, and Mary Ann James his wife. A bill entitled, an act authorising Zephaniah Waters, of Charles county, to raise by Lottery a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned. And a bill entitled, an act authorising the Levy court of Frederick county, to provide for laying out, widening, straightening and amending the road from Frederick town, through Cragers town and Emmitsburg to the Pennsylvania line, severally passed by that house the 31st January 1815. Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Also returns the bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act concerning crimes and punishments. And the bill entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a straight turnpike road from the city of Baltimore to the district of Columbia towards the city of Washington, severally endorsed, "will not pass." And the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 30, 1815.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to John Bennet, Esquire, or to his order, the sum of sixty five dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

By order,

UPTON S. REID, Clk.

And the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 30, 1815.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message in relation to the amendments proposed by you to the bill entitled, an act to provide for the better defence of the state, and to prevent the necessity of frequent calls of the militia; and have agreed to a conference as requested by you, and have appointed Messrs. Crabb, Van Horn and Beall, conferees on the part of this house to join the gentlemen named in your message.

By order,

UPTON S. REID, Clk.

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

Also returns the engrossed bills from No. 77 to 83 inclusive, assented to by that house the 30th January 1815.

Mr. Brown from the committee of conference delivers the following report:

The conferees on the part of the senate and house of delegates having met, and duly considered the subjects referred to them, are of opinion that it be recommended to the senate to recede from the third and twelfth amendments proposed by that body to the bill entitled, an act to provide for the better defence of the state, and prevent the necessity of frequent calls of the militia, and insisted on in their message to the house of delegates of the 30th instant. Which was read the first and second time and concurred in.

The following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk:

BY THE SENATE, January 31, 1815

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate having nearly finished all the business which has been before them, propose with the concurrence of the house of delegates to close the session to-morrow.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill entitled, an act to lay out and open a road in Cecil county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read; and the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Elizabeth Brewer, of the city of Annapolis, passed by that house the 31st January 1815. Ordered to be engrossed.

On motion the senate proceeded to the re-consideration of the amendments proposed to the bill entitled, an act to provide for the safety of the public records, and for other purposes; and on motion the question was put, will the senate recede from their first amendment, viz. Strike out the words "Baltimore town," and insert "Baltimore county or city." The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Fenwick, Hebb, L. Hollingsworth, W. Hollingsworth.—4