

Mr. N. Williams from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the message from the governor and council of the 8th of December last, as relates to the printing of a bill for the amendment of our militia system, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report, that as the senate did not at the last session assent to any order or resolution for printing the bill introduced into the house of delegates for the amendment of our militia system, the governor and council are in an error when they state it was published according to the direction of the General Assembly. The senate could not consistently with their opinion of the provisions of that bill have thought it of any advantage to the people that it should be published. The only benefit which your committee can perceive could arise from the publication, was derived by the numerous printers of one political character, in whose papers exclusively it was inserted.

By order,

J. BROWN, Com. Clk.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Holbrook from the committee delivers a bill entitled, an act to authorise and empower the justices of the Levy court of Caroline county to discontinue the road therein mentioned. Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled, an act to authorise the sale of certain real estate held by Joseph M'Kean in trust for the children of Andrew Buchanan, deceased, was read the second time, passed with an amendment and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The senate proceed to the ascertainment of a person to be recommended to the governor and council to be commissioned as register of wills for Frederick county, the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up and delivered to the committee of the senate appointed to meet the committee of the house of delegates, who retired to the conference room and after some time returned and reported, that Henry Steiner had forty five votes and Ezra Mantz forty three votes.

The bill entitled, an act to lay out and open a road therein mentioned, was read the second time by special order, passed with an amendment and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution relative to transmitting to the executive of Virginia a copy of the act for erecting a bridge over the river Potomac, was read the second time and assented to.

The bill entitled, an act relating to the banks in this state, was read the second time and will pass.

The bill entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from or near the mouth of the Monocacy through Montgomery county to intersect the Baltimore and Frederick town turnpike road at or near the Poplar Springs in Anne Arundel county, was read the second time and passed with sundry amendments.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 25.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill entitled, an act relating to the banks in this state. The bill entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from or near the mouth of the Monocacy through Montgomery county to intersect the Baltimore and Frederick town turnpike road at or near the Poplar Springs in Anne Arundel county; and the resolution relative to transmitting to the executive of Virginia a copy of the act for erecting a bridge over the river Potomac, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The following message was read agreed to and with the bill sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, January 25, 1816.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have agreed to the amendment made by your house to the bill entitled, an act to alter the times of the holding of the court of appeals and for other purposes, which adopts but one term in a year for the argument and decision of cases in that court for the respective shores; but we have disagreed to the other amendment proposing to strike out the section directing the judges to state their decision on the points or questions of law by them decided in any case where more than one point or question may arise. We consider such a provision of great importance to the final settling of the law in all questions which may occur in the court of appeals; and we are led to believe that various important points of law have been made and argued and decided by that court, without the judges expressing on the record, or otherwise, how or in what manner such points had been decided or disposed of. We therefore wish the provision retained that a different practice may prevail in the court of appeals, and for that purpose we return the bill and hope your house will recede from your amendment in this particular.

By order,

THOS ROGERS, Clk.

The bill entitled, an act authorising Adam Whann and William Ricketts to complete the collections of Jacob R. Hewitt, of Cecil county; and the bill entitled, an act to incorporate an association in the city of Baltimore to be called the manufacturing company and agency of the city of Baltimore, were severally read the second time, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, an act authorising the Levy court of Frederick county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and will not pass; sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, an act for draining part of branch known by the name of Andover branch lying in Queen Ann's county, was read the second time, passed with sundry amendments and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution in favor of Joseph C. Cockey, was read the second time, dissented from and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution in favor of Andrew Lord, was read the second time, assented to and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution in favor of Larkin Shipley, was read the second time, assented to and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion of Mr. N. Williams, the following resolutions were read the first and second time by special order, assented to and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, January 25, 1816.

Whereas, the legislature of the state of North Carolina have resolved that the congress of the United