

pike roads therein mentioned for your re consideration. We have negatived your first amendment to said bill and hope you will upon re consideration recede from the same.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read.

Also returns the bill entitled, an act to authorise and empower the justices of the Levy court of Caroline county to discontinue the road therein mentioned; and the bill entitled, an act to secure the printing of the laws and votes and proceedings and to require the faithful performance thereof by the printer to the state, severally passed by that house January 27, 1816. Ordered to be engrossed. Also returns the bill entitled, an act to incorporate a company for the improvement of the navigation of the river Susquehanna. The bill entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections and to regulate said elections; and the bill entitled, an act to repeal and abolish the fifty fifth article of the constitution and form of government, severally endorsed, will not pass.

The senate adjourns until five o'clock P. M.

POST MERIDIEM, 5 o'clock.

The senate met.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, an act authorising the Levy court of Calvert county to borrow a certain sum of money from the banks of this state, passed by that house January 27, 1816. A resolution in favor of the clerks, and the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 27, 1816.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We accede to your proposition to go into the election of a senator in congress.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

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

The clerk of the council delivers a message from the executive announcing the resignation of William Alexander as register of wills for Cecil county. Which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The resolution in favor of Caleb Stewart and Henry Thompson, was read the second time by special order, assented to and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution relative to the equipment of the quota of militia, &c. was read the second time by special order, assented to and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution in favor of Rezin Simpson, was read the second time by special order, assented to and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolutions relative to the safe keeping of the arms, camp equipage, &c. were read the second time by special order, assented to and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

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

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Theodore Weems, of Anne Arundel county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the council delivers a communication from the executive, enclosing a letter from the secretary at war, requesting on the part of the general government, a cession by the state of such points in the territory thereof, upon which it has been deemed necessary to erect military fortifications. Which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

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

BY THE SENATE, January 27, 1816.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

At present we cannot recede from our first amendment to the bill entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make the several turnpike roads therein mentioned, but we will pass the bill without the amendment to which you object, provided you will insert in lieu thereof the following amendment. After the word "Wilmington," in the 11th line of the first page, insert "and also from said site or any place in said roads to intersect the road from Havre de-Grace to Elkton."

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

The bill entitled, an act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for completing an Episcopal church in Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion of Mr. N. Williams, the following message was read, agreed to and with the bill sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, January 27, 1816.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We return to your house a bill entitled, an act to authorise the president of the United States to erect toll-gates on the Western road laid out and made by the United States, leading from Cumberland across the mountains towards the river Ohio and for other purposes, and request a re-consideration of it.— This bill merely proposes to enable the president of the United States to levy tolls on the Great Western road sufficient to preserve it in repair. This very excellent and very costly turnpike having been made by the United States, and being of inestimable advantage to this state, particularly to that portion through which it passes, a sense of justice and our own interest demand in the opinion of the senate, that authority should be given to the United States to collect revenue enough from travellers passing over this road to keep it in a condition to be permanently useful. When so great a benefit has been conferred on this highly favored state out of the resources of the union, to deny this most equitable and reasonable request from the national government, will be to subject Maryland to the reproach and just indignation of the American people. They will only see in this refusal either a spirit of parsimony and selfishness or a disposition to derive a disproportionate share of the advantages of an important public measure, without contributing to its support or even aiding in its preservation. A regard for the honor and good faith of this state induces the senate to ask of your house that this bill may again engage your deliberations, and receive that decision to which we conceive a respect for the general government and the expe-