

The bill, entitled, An act to prohibit the obstruction of the navigation in Worcester and Somerset counties, was read the second and third time by special order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act authorising William Bruce, of Charles county, to bring into the state of Maryland a certain negro slave, was read the second and third time by special order and will pass. Severally sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Mr. Gale from the committee on the petition of sundry persons relative to obstructions in the river Susquehanna made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons relative to obstructions in the river Susquehanna, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, together with the counter memorial of the governor and directors of the Susquehanna canal company; your committee would observe, that the petitioners state that a wing dam has been erected in the river Susquehanna by the canal company, in such a manner as materially to obstruct the navigation of the river; the canal company in their memorial admit the erection of the dam, but suppose no injury will result to boatmen by that work, and at the same time seem to claim the right of erecting such work though they should prove injurious to the navigation of that river as a public highway. Your committee believing the courts of law to be open to the discussion of this subject, and fully competent to apply the remedy, if any should be necessary, would recommend the reference of the petition and memorial to the next general assembly, remarking at the same time, that if the erection of the wing dam complained of, should prove to be materially injurious to the public navigation of the river Susquehanna, no law in existence could have authorised its erection, whilst on the other hand, if not thus injurious, the canal company deserve commendation for the spirited manner they are now carrying on that public work. All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

T. J. BRICE, CLK.

Which was read.

The bill, entitled, An act relating to the commissioners appointed to lay off streets, lanes and alleys, within the city of Baltimore, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and the question put Shall the bill pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr. President, Messrs. Carmichael, Hughlett, Maxcy.—4.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Emerson, Gale, Jackson, Magruder, Parnham, Taney, West.—7.

So it was determined in the negative, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following bills: A bill, entitled, An act relating to vagrants in the city of Baltimore; a bill, entitled, An act for settling the western limits of this state, and the dividing line and boundary between this state and the Commonwealth of Virginia; a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments: And the following resolutions: A resolution in favour of Osborn Williams; of Henry Lord; of John Head; of Sarah Tillard; of James Hewett; and relative to the land office; which were severally read the first time, and the resolutions referred to the committee on revolutionary pensions. Also the following message.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 10, 1819.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

The hour appointed for the election of bank directors having passed, we decline going into the appointment until 7 o'clock, P. M. when we will apprize the senate of the nominations made by this house. We have appointed Messrs Forrest and Worthington to examine the ballots in conjunction with the gentlemen named by the senate.

By order,

J. BREWER, CLK.

Which was read.

The bill, entitled, An act supplementary to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Easton, in Talbot county, and to establish and regulate a market at the said town, was read the second and third time by special order, and will pass with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Amendment proposed. Strike out the words "or within two miles thereof," in 4th line 2d section

The bill, entitled, An act to provide for the erecting of a bridge over the western branch, near the town of Upper Marlborough, in Prince-George's county, was read the second time by special order.

The bill respecting the banks in this state was made the order of the day for Friday next.

On motion the senate adjourns until 6 o'clock P. M.

6 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The senate met

On motion of Mr Carmichael, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the commissioners of Centre-ville to tax billiard tables. Ordered, That Messrs. Carmichael, West and Magruder, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments, was read the second, and by special order the third time, and will pass with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Amendment proposed: Strike out from the word "then," 5th line 2d section, to the end, and insert the following: "Such person shall be liable to indictment in the county court of the county where he or she resides, or in the city court of Baltimore if he or she resides in the city of Baltimore, and upon conviction shall undergo a confinement in the penitentiary not exceeding six years."

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 10, 1819.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose to proceed forthwith to the appointment of bank directors, and nominate the following persons, in addition to the nomination contained in your message: For the Mechanics Bank Henry W. Gray; for the Union Bank Charles Ridgely, (of Hampton,) and George Hebb; for the Commercial and Farmers Bank Adam Welsh; for the Farmers Bank of Maryland Charles Carroll of Carrollton and Wil-