

Mr. Carmichael presents the memorial of Addison Ridout, admr. of John Gibson, praying a law to direct the recording of a certain deed of manumission in Anne-Arundel county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Carmichael, Hughlett and Magruder, to report thereon.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act relative to female minors; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 29, 1821.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

Being under an impression that the business before us can be acted upon by the 10th of February, we propose therefore, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to close the session on that day.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Which was read.

Also a resolution in favour of Henry Darden; a resolution in favour of William Jacobs; a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas B. Hall, of Washington county; a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the issuing of small bank notes; a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Stemble of Frederick county, an insolvent debtor; and a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the Conococheague Bank in Williamsport, in Washington county; which were read the first time and laid on the table. And returns the bill for the relief of the Cumberland Bank of Allegany, and the bill for the benefit of the Bank of Caroline, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to repeal the several acts of assembly respecting the herding of cattle in Allegany county, was read the second time and laid on the table.

The resolution in favour of the heirs of John Neptune, was read the second, and by special order the third time, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

Mr. Gale presented a statement of the affairs of the Susquehanna Bridge and Bank Company; which was read and referred to the consideration of the House of Delegates.

Mr. Taney presented a report on the state and condition of the Frederick County Bank, an abstract of the receipts and expenditures of the Baltimore and Havre-de-Grace turnpike company, a report of the Talbot county commissioners of the school fund, and the trustees account of the Frederick academy; which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The senate resumed the further consideration of the bill to lay out and open a road from the Conowingo Bridge in Cecil County, to the Pennsylvania line, and on motion of Mr. Harper, the question was put, Will the Senate receive the following as an amendment? After the title insert the following preable "Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that a public road is located and laid out through Harford county, so as to unite with the Baltimore and Harford turnpike road at the Great Falls of Gunpowder, to which place from the city of Baltimore, a good artificial or turnpike road has been made, and to extend from thence by Belle-Air to the Conowingo Bridge over the Susquehanna river, which road is in the best and most direct course from Baltimore to the town of Lancaster in the state of Pennsylvania, and to a very fertile, extensive, populous, and well cultivated district in the said state, between which and the city of Baltimore a communication highly beneficial to this state may be made by means of the said road, should it be extended, as well as a good and convenient communication between the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia, by which several communications a large and important part of Pennsylvania may be brought nearer to Baltimore than to any other market or sea port. And whereas two several roads have been located and laid out in Pennsylvania leading, one in a direction from Lancaster towards the said Bridge at Conowingo, and the other in a direction from Philadelphia towards the said bridge, which two roads are to fall into and unite with each other at the line dividing this state from Pennsylvania, and are now in a course of being opened, formed, and made fit for travelling: And whereas the important public communications above mentioned may be effected by opening and making a road through a part of Cecil county, from the Conowingo Bridge aforesaid, to the Maryland and Pennsylvania line aforesaid, so as to meet the said two roads there; which road, through a part of Cecil county, could not be obtained in the usual course provided by law, in less than fourteen months, and might be much longer delayed by the opposition of any individual through whose land it might be necessary for the said road to pass, whereby the great public benefit to be expected from opening the communications aforesaid might be much delayed, and danger would be incurred of their being wholly lost by the discouragement obstruction which such delay might produce in the opening and making of the said roads in Pennsylvania: And whereas the public interest requires that, under circumstances of so special a nature, a more speedy and certain method should be adopted for the opening and perfecting of the said road from Conowingo Bridge, through a part of Cecil county, to the Maryland and Pennsylvania line; Therefore."

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Harper, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following amendment? Strike out the words "levy upon the assessable property of said county money sufficient for the opening and clearing said road, and to" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Harper, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following amendment? Strike out the words "as other county charges are" and insert the words "in the manner hereafter provided." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Harper, the question was put, Will the senate receive the following amendment? "And be it enacted, That all the sums of money necessary for paying the expense of opening and clearing the said road, for paying the damages to be agreed on or valued, as directed by the third section of this act, and for paying the compensation of the said commissioners, shall be raised and paid as follows; that is to say, one third part thereof by Cecil county, to be levied and assessed by the levy court of the said county on the assessable property thereof as other county levies are; one other third by the president and directors of the Susquehanna Bridge Company, commonly called the Conowingo Bridge Company, to be raised in such manner as the said president and directors shall think fit; and the remaining third by the city of Baltimore, to be levied and assessed on the assessable property thereof by the levy court of Baltimore county, as county charges are, and the levy courts of Cecil and Baltimore counties are hereby authorised and required, to make the said levies respectively; provided always, that whenever any sums of money shall be assessed by the said levy courts respectively, as part of the respective funds be-