

shall the bill pass? Determined in the negative, and it was returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Johnson, from the joint committee appointed to invite his excellency the governor in the senate chamber this evening at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of signing and sealing the laws passed during the present session that may be prepared for his signature, reported to the senate, that the committee had waited on his excellency for that purpose, and received for answer, that his excellency would attend in the senate chamber, at the time and for the purpose mentioned.

Mr. Bowie from the committee to whom was referred the bill to divorce James Norris, senior, and Sarah his wife, of Saint Mary's county, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass. Which report was concurred in.

The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, amended, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Bowie from the committee to whom was referred the bill to divorce John Yeamans, and Sarah his wife, of Cecil county, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass. Which report was concurred in.

The bill was then read a second time.

Mr. Miller moved to strike out the words "from bed and board, and mutual cohabitation," commencing in the 2d line of the 1st section, and insert the words "a vinculo matrimonii."

Mr. Johnson called for a division of the question, and it was taken on striking out?

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Claude, Dickinson, Johnson, Miller, Orrell.—5.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Stuart, Pres't. Bowie, Cockey, Kent, Quinton, Wootton.—6.

Determined in the negative.

The bill was then read a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

The resolution in favour of Anne Jeffers, of Queen-Anne's county, was read a second, and by special order a third time, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Johnson moved to dispense with the order of the senate, prohibiting the introduction of new business into the senate after the 5th instant? And the question, was put and determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Johnson asked leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act for the relief of Anne Jeffers, of Queen-Anne's county, which was granted. And it was ordered, that Messrs. Johnson, Dickinson and Kent, should be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Johnson from the committee reported the said bill; and it was read the first, and by special order a second and a third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

Mr. Wootton from the committee reported a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein named; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Bowie from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Margaret Hicks, of the city of Baltimore, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass; which report was concurred in.

The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Johnson submitted the following message: which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

BY THE SENATE, February 8, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—The senate have rejected the bill entitled, An act to authorise Nathan Betton, late sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, to complete his collections, because they are clearly of opinion that its object is provided for by the act of 1820, chapter 48.

They have also rejected the resolution in favour of Anne Jeffers, of Queen-Anne's county, not because they are opposed to granting the relief it provides, but from an opinion that such relief cannot be granted in that way. The senate send you a bill to effect the object of this resolution.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

Mr. Bowie from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Charity F. Barriere, of the city of Baltimore, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought not to pass.

The bill was then read a second time and laid on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Frances B. Mitchell, of the city of Baltimore, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Bowie, Cockey and Claude.

Also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the securities of Thomas Bailey, former collector of the tax for Baltimore county and city; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act to enable Hezekiah Niles, of the city of Baltimore, to dispose of certain books in the manner therein mentioned, was read a third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

Mr. Quinton from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of William Gory King and Thomas Delphy, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought not to pass. Which report was concurred in.

The bill was then read a third time and will not pass, and sent to the house of delegates.

Mr. Johnson from the committee to whom was referred the bill to provide a revenue for the support of the government of this state, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass.

The bill was then read a second time, and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

The senate adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.