

established at Baltimore, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment." Amendment proposed: At the end of the 6th section insert "And be it enacted, that the persons who may become members of this corporation shall be liable for its debts in their individual characters," which amendment was read the first and second time and laid on the table.

The bill for the relief of Stephen Bryan, of Saint Mary's county, was read a third time, amended, passed, and returned to the house of delegates. Amendment proposed: After the word "county" in the 4th line of the 1st section strike out all that follows to the word "confinement" in the 6th line of the same section, and insert, "Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to discharge the property which said Bryan now has, or may at any time hereafter have, from being liable for the claim for which said Bryan is confined."

On motion, the question was put, will the senate reconsider the bill for the relief of Edward Graham, of Dorchester county? Determined in the affirmative.

The bill was then read, and the question was put, shall the bill pass? Determined in the negative, and it was 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 12, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—In compliance with your request of yesterday, the senate have reconsidered the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Edward Graham of Dorchester county, and feel compelled to adhere to their first determination. This bill is intended to render valid a deed for the conveyance of land in this state, not acknowledged according to the laws of the state, and without saving the rights that may have been acquired to the land since the execution of the deed. For aught that we know, the title to this property may now be legally and fairly vested in a stranger, and if so, this bill, if passed, would be to him a manifest act of injustice. If the land has not been disposed of since the date of the deed, there is nothing that we know of to prevent the grantee from compelling the grantor to give him a good and valid conveyance.

Courts of justice are constituted in every state in the union with powers for this purpose, and we think it, in almost all cases, bad policy to encroach on their jurisdiction.

When we give relief in cases like the one now before us, it must be most always founded on ex parte representation, and where that is the case, we are as likely to do wrong as right.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk

The bill to provide a revenue for the support of the government of this state, being the order of the day, was read the third time, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Claude from the committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to the printing of the laws and votes and proceedings, reported the same with the following amendment: Strike out all that follows the word "resolved," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "That a joint committee of both houses be appointed to contract for the printing of the laws and votes and proceedings of the present session of the legislature, and that they be instructed to have them printed on the same terms and in the same manner as they have heretofore been printed, and that they require of the person with whom they may contract, the same obligations for the faithful execution of the work which have heretofore been exacted of the printer of the state. Which amendment was read and assented to and the resolution being read a second, and by special order a third time, was assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

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

BY THE SENATE, February 12, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—We have had the resolution from your house on the subject of printing the laws and votes and proceedings of the present session, under consideration, and conceiving that a joint committee of both branches of the legislature will effect the object of your resolution in a manner more conformable with the usual practice of the legislature on this subject, we propose the adoption of the accompanying resolution, in lieu of the one sent from your honorable body. Should our view of the subject meet your approbation, we have named Messrs. Claude, Johnson and Miller, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your house, to carry into effect the objects of the resolution.

By order;

WM. KILTY, Clk.

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

BY THE SENATE, February 12, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—We have rejected the bill, entitled, An act to provide a revenue for the support of the government of this state, because we are opposed to the fifth section. The senate can see no good reason why the amount of the tax directed to be levied on Baltimore county should be paid to the treasurer of the levy court of that county, as provided for by this section. That officer does not give bond for a sufficient amount to secure to the state the payment of the money which by this section he will be entitled to receive.

The collectors of the tax are required to give additional bond, with security, for the discharge of the duties imposed on them by this law, and we think it will be better to leave the collectors of Baltimore county in the same situation with those in the other counties of the state. If the section referred to be stricken out, the senate will pass the bill.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message: which was read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 12, 1823.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We have received the bill, entitled, An act relating to the public