

On motion the question was put, "will the senate reconsider the bill to alter the mode of disbursing public money. Determined in the affirmative.

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

BY THE SENATE, Feb. 11, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—The senate this morning passed the bill to alter the mode of disbursing the public money, with some amendments. The senate have since upon a motion to reconsider the said bill, discovered that it has been sent by the clerk to your honorable body. We have therefore to request that you will again furnish us with the before mentioned bill in order that we may have the opportunity we desire of still further considering it.

By order,

W. KILTY, Clk.

The additional supplement to the act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read a second time and laid on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a resolution in favor of James Gunn: which was read the first time and laid on the table.

On motion the question was put, will the senate reconsider the bill for the benefit of William C. Somerville, of St. Mary's county? Determined in the affirmative. The bill was then read, and on motion the question was put, will the senate receive the following as an amendment, viz. Strike out the whole of the bill after the enacting clause in the first section, and insert "that an action of assumpsit for the loss of a negro slave killed by an officer of Maryland Militia, during the late war between the United States and Great Britain, be docketted by consent in Saint Mary's county court, in which William C. Somerville shall be plaintiff, and the state of Maryland defendant, and that the said case be tried at the first term after said docketting, and that upon the finding of a jury that a negro slave, the property of the said William C. Somerville was killed in Saint Mary's county in the year of 1813, by captain Williams, of the 12th regiment of Maryland militia, and that the appraisement of said slave by two impartial persons before the nearest magistrate, was a fair and just one, in the year when the said death occurred; the said William C. Somerville shall be entitled to the amount of the said appraisement from the state of Maryland, and that judgment shall be entered accordingly." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs Clande, Fenwick, Johnson—3.

NEGATIVE—Messrs Stuart, Pres't. Bowie, Brownley, Cockey, Dickenson, Kent, Miller, Orrell, Quinton—9. Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, shall the bill pass? Determined in the negative.

The senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, Feb. 12, 1824.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The resolution in favor of Doctor Colin M'Kenzie, was returned to the house of delegates; the bill to prevent the vending of liquors, fruit and other articles, within two miles of any methodist camp or quarterly meeting, in Dorchester and Caroline counties, and to suppress riotous and disorderly behaviour at those places in said counties; was read a second and by special order a third time, amended, passed with the proposed amendment and returned to the house of delegates. Amendment proposed, "strike out Caroline county throughout the bill."

The bill for the benefit of William C. Somerville of St. Mary's county was returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the council delivered the following communication:

IN COUNCIL, Feb. 12, 1824.

*Gentlemen*—The gentlemen who were appointed commissioners to survey a route for a canal which will connect the waters of the Susquehanna with the city of Baltimore, having completed the duties of their appointment, will apply in the course of a few days for compensation for their services, and as the resolution under which these appointments were made, do not fix the rate of compensation, we take the liberty of suggesting to the honorable the legislature, the propriety of adopting such measures connected with the same, as they may deem necessary and proper. The able and faithful manner in which these duties have been performed is so well known to the general assembly as to render it unnecessary for this department to say any thing concerning it. We send herewith a letter from the governor of Ohio enclosing resolutions of the general assembly of that state recommending that a system be adapted providing for the gradual emancipation of the people of colour, held in servitude in the United States.

We have the honor to be, with high consideration, and respect your obedient servants,

SAMUEL STEVENS, Jr.

The Hon. the President of the Senate, and the Hon. the speaker of the house of delegates.

Also a letter from Jeremiah Morrow, governor of the state of Ohio, enclosing sundry resolutions of the legislature of that state, recommending the establishment of a system for the gradual emancipation of the people of colour throughout the United States; which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The resolution relative to registers in chancery, was read a third time by special order, amended, assented to with the proposed amendments, and returned to the house of delegates.

Amendments proposed: After the words "registers in chancery," in the second line insert "clerks of the courts of appeals, clerks of the several county courts, registers of wills in the several counties of this state, and clerk of the city court of Baltimore." At the end of the reso-