

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 18, 1824.

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

The bill to provide a revenue for the support of the government of this state, was read a second, and by special order a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates. The supplement to the act for the establishment of vestries for each parish in this state; was read a second, and by special order a third time, passed and sent to the house of delegates. The additional supplement to the act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Nanticoke river at or near Vienna, in Dorchester county, was read a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates. The bill to disseminate literature in this state, was read a second, and by special order a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates. The amendment proposed by the house of delegates to the bill relating to executions, was read and assented to, and with the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill to incorporate the Fell's Point Wesleyan Sabbath School, was read a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Johnson from the committee reported a bill to establish and incorporate the Tow Line and Canal Company between Baltimore and Port Deposit, which was read the first, and by special order a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading. The resolutions relative to the mode of electing the President and Vice President of the United States, were sent to the house of delegates.

Mr. Johnson from the committee reported a bill to authorise the banks in this state to invest a part of their capital in the public stocks of the United States, which was read the first time, and laid on the table. The further supplement to the act for the establishment and regulation of levy courts in the several counties of this state; was read a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

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

BY THE SENATE, Feb. 18, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—The senate agree to your proposal to invite the governor into the senate chamber this afternoon at 5 P. M. to sign such of the engrossed bills as may then be ready for his signature; and have named Messrs Johnson and Kent to join the gentlemen named by your house to present this invitation to the governor.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clerk.

The resolution in favor of Ramsey Waters, was read a second, and by special order a third time, assented to and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Fenwick asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, an act to approve, confirm and assent to an act, passed by the commonwealth of Virginia, entitled an act, incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, passed the 24th January, 1824, and it was ordered that Messrs Fenwick, Chambers and Bowie should be a committee to prepare and report the same.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled an act, to appoint commissioners for the purpose of dividing Saint Mary's county into five separate election districts; and a supplement to the act, entitled an act, relating to sheriff's and for other purposes, passed at December session 1819, which were severally read the first time and laid on the table; and returned the bill for the benefit of William Owen, of Baltimore, endorsed, "will pass" and it was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Fenwick from the committee reported a bill, entitled an act, to approve, confirm and assent to an act passed by the commonwealth of Virginia, entitled an act, incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, passed the 24th January, 1824, which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Brownley from the committee to whom was referred the resolution in favor of Benjamin G. Jones, 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 resolution was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates. The bill to approve, confirm and assent to an act, passed by the commonwealth of Virginia, entitled an act, incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, passed the 24th January, 1824; was read a second time by special order.

Mr. Chambers moved to amend the bill by adding the following to the preamble: "And whereas the legislature of Maryland are willing to accept and agree to the said act of the state of Virginia, protesting at the same time against any intention to commit themselves, or directly or infrentially to express an opinion on the question of the constitutional powers of the general government on subjects of roads and canals.

Mr. Johnson moved to amend the amendment by striking out all that follows the words "same time" and insert "that they do not agree in opinion with the legislature of Virginia that Congress have not the authority to make roads and canals."

Mr. Chambers offered the following as a substitute for the amendment to the amendment— "And whereas the legislature of Maryland are willing to accept and agree to the said act of the state of Virginia protesting at the same time "that they do not agree in opinion with the legislature of Virginia that Congress have not the authority to make roads and canals, if the legislature of Virginia have by the 18th section of the said act intended to express such an opinion."— On motion the question was put, will the senate postpone the further consideration of the said bill and amendment? Determined in the affirmative. The senate resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the bill to establish the divisional line between