

Anne Arundel and Calvert counties. The question before the senate being on the adoption of the amendment proposed on yesterday by Mr. Bowie. On motion the question was put, will the senate permit the said amendment to be withdrawn? Determined in the affirmative. On motion the question was put, will the senate receive the following as an amendment:

Strike out the first, second and third sections, and insert: "whereas doubts are said to exist with regard to the true location of the divisional line between Calvert and Anne Arundel counties, involving questions of law as well as of fact, and it is desirable to remove such doubts, and ascertain and establish the said divisional line. Therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Thomas H. Wilkinson, and Richard Ireland, of Calvert county, and Virgil Maxcy and Doctor James Tongue, of Anne Arundel county, and Doctor William Howard, of the city of Baltimore, shall be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to collect all the proofs which may be offered to them and procure certified copies of all such papers as may be considered useful or necessary in the decision of said controversy, and to reduce to writing the depositions of all such witnesses as may be produced before them, and to cause to be made such locations or surveys, as they may deem necessary, and to return the same to the court of appeals for the western shore, at their next session, who shall thereupon hear and determine upon the respective claims of the said two counties, and report their decision to the general assembly at the first session after such decision shall be made with a view to secure the enactment of such laws on the subject as may be deemed necessary to carry such decision into effect."

Determined in the affirmative. The bill was then read a third time, and the question was put shall the bill as amended pass. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Stewart, Pres't., Bowie, Brownley, Chambers, Claude, Dickinson, Johnson, Quinton.—8.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Cockey, Fenwick, Kent, Orrell.—4.—Determined in the affirmative. The senate adjourned until 5 o'clock, P. M.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The senate met. Present the same members as in the morning.

On motion ordered, that Messrs. Johnson and Fenwick wait on the Governor to inform him that in consequence of the adjournment of the house of delegates until to-morrow morning nine o'clock, it has become impossible to effect the object of the joint invitation from the house of delegates, and the senate to the Governor to sign and seal this afternoon such of the engrossed bills as might be prepared for his signature.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Fenwick informed the senate that they had complied with the directions of the above order, and that the Governor had declared his willingness to attend on the legislature for the purpose therein expressed, at any time they might think proper to appoint.

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

THURSDAY, February 19, 1824.

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

The bill to reduce the price of the states land in Allegany county, was read a second time and laid on the table. The bill to prevent the destruction of sheep in Cecil county, was read a third time, rejected and returned to the house of delegates. The further additional supplement to the act to alter and change the name of Elizabeth Town in Washington county to Hager's Town, and to incorporate the same; was read a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Bowie from the committee to whom was referred the bill to exempt from distress for rent negro slaves or servants, which are not bona fide, the property of the person liable to such rent, 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, and by special order a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates. The bill authorising certain persons therein mentioned to purchase a lot of ground for the purpose of erecting thereon a Methodist church in Charles Town, Cecil county, was read the third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.—The bill to appoint commissioners for the purpose of dividing St. Mary's county into five separate election districts, was read a second, and by special order a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates. On motion the bill to enlarge the bounds of Centreville, and for other purposes, was referred to Messrs. Orrell, Johnson and Fenwick. The additional supplement to an act for the relief of John Messler and David Rinehart, trustees of James Farquhar, of Frederick county, passed November session 1812, was read a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates. The bill to appoint commissioners to review the ninth and part of the tenth election districts in Baltimore county, and to establish a proper place for holding the election, was read a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates. The bill appointing commissioners to lay out and open a road in Anne Arundel county, was read a third time, amended and passed with the proposed amendments. Amendments proposed. 1st. In the 8th line of the first section, strike out the words "to some point near" and insert "towards." after the word "church" at the end of the same line, insert "extending said road so far towards said church as the further concurrence in their opinion may require."

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

BY THE SENATE, Feb. 19, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,—The senate have declined answering your message