

we have been constrained to dissent—when the bill was under consideration in this house, a like proposition was submitted and rejected in this house after the most deliberate examination of the question, which consumed days in its investigation; we see no reason to regret the rejection of the proposition to refer the decision to the judiciary. The expense already incurred, the time already consumed, and the additional expense that would occur in the course of a judicial investigation, as also the further expense and the consumption of time which would necessarily be incurred from this house having after the decision of the court of appeals to pass upon it in the last resort, induce the house of delegates to return you the bill, and to express their hope that the senate will act decisively on it. The intelligence of the senate, and their number, preclude all doubt that a full and satisfactory examination of the principles of the bill can be had, and we would in conclusion observe, that were it even proper to refer this question to the judiciary, your amendments do not appear to us to be so framed as to put the subject in a situation to be decided upon by the tribunal selected, a subject which your amendments admit, involved facts as well as principles of law; nor is the question of location the only one involved, one not the least important, untouched by your amendments, which is not to be acted upon by the judiciary, nor could we consent that it should be, will still leave the subject open, however, the court of appeals may decide upon the matters submitted to them. J. BREWER, Ck.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 23, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We propose with the concurrence of your honorable body, to go into the election of a director for the Nanticoke bridge company to day at 2 o'clock, and do nominate John N. Steel, of Dorchester county. We have appointed Messrs Dashiell and Norris, to unite with such gentlemen as may be named by you to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

J. BREWER, Ck.

*Mr. Johnson*, from the committee to whom was referred the supplement to the act to provide for the opening and extension of Pratt-street in the city of Baltimore, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendment.—strike out the word “three” in the eleventh line of the section and insert “six;” which amendment was read and assented to. The bill was then read as amended a second, and by special order, a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

*Mr. Johnson* from the committee reported a bill relating to Baltimore city court, which was read the first time and laid on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a resolution in favor of Chaplains, which was read the first, and by special order, a second and third time, assented to and returned to the house of delegates. Also, a bill entitled, a further supplement to an act entitled, an act to regulate & discipline the militia of this state, which was read the first time and laid on the table.

*Mr. Johnson* delivered the following report, which was read and concurred in:—  
The committee to whom was referred the petition of John C. Hull and William C. Hull, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, praying for a law to authorise the recording of a deed in Cecil county, beg leave to report, that they are of opinion the prayer ought not to be granted, as under the existing laws the petitioners can obtain the only relief it would be proper to afford them. Your committee therefore recommend that the petitioners be permitted to withdraw their petition and the papers accompanying it.

*Mr. Johnson*, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to authorise the clerk of Queen Ann’s county to record a deed of manumission, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendment:—after the word “recorded” in sixth line of the preamble insert “within the time limited by law, and it appearing doubtful whether under the existing laws it can be effectually recorded;” which amendment was read and assented to. The bill was then read as amended a second, and by special order, a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

*Mr. Johnson*, from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of the collectors of the direct tax in the several counties 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 third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

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

The bill to incorporate the Village of Federalsburg, in Dorchester and Caroline counties, was read a second and third time, by special order, amended and will pass with the proposed amendments. Amendments proposed:—1st, strike out the word “or” at the beginning of the 5th line of the 6th section—2d, strike out the word “displaced” in the 6th line of the 6th section, and in lieu thereof insert the words “otherwise disqualified”—3d, insert the word “the” after the word “preserve” in the 3d line of the 11th section—4th, insert after the word “ordinances” in the 3d line the following words, “not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this state.” The senate adjourned until to morrow morning 10 o’clock.

TUESDAY, February 24, 1824.

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

The bill to incorporate the village of Federalsburg, in Dorchester and Caroline counties, was returned to the house of delegates.

The resolution relative to the court of appeals, was read a third time, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill setting apart the three first days of the county courts of the first judicial district