

because the interests of the state have been lost sight of in the formation of the contract? Has it not been formed by a committee of this house upon the lowest possible terms, after fair opportunities of competition between rival applicants for it? Is it not to be presumed that we, who come directly from amongst the people of the state, fresh with all their views and interests, we, with whom must originate every proposition to appropriate money, because of this our immediate relation to the people; and we who must immediately answer to them for our conduct, have at the least paid as high a regard to the interests of the state in forming this contract, as any committee of both houses could or would have done? If we should retrace our steps, it would only be for the honour of rereading them in company with you, for this house does not, and cannot believe, that any more advantageous, or any other contract could or would be formed by this house, than that which has been already concluded. As then the object, to effect which you invite a conference, has been already effected in the best possible manner, we trust that your house will find, in the excellence of the contract, an excuse for the manner in which it has been formed, and a justification of our conduct in again declining to confer with you upon that subject.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Also a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one the several acts of assembly relating to the public roads in Worcester county, passed at December session 1821; and a bill, entitled, An act to authorise John L. Jacques to cut a canal therein mentioned in Dorchester county; which were read the first time and laid on the table.

Also a bill, entitled, An act for the support of Elizabeth Gingle, of Montgomery county, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Miller, Orrell and Dickinson.

Mr. Bowie offered the following preamble and resolution, which were read and laid on the table.

Whereas it is represented to the senate by one of its officers, that the daily journal of the senate, and all other papers ordered to be printed by the senate during the present session, have been printed by the printer appointed by the house of delegates, without the consent and approbation of the senate, and that the said journal and other papers, have been sent to the senate by the said printer for the use of the members.

And whereas this conduct on the part of the house of delegates is viewed as a manifest departure from, and violation of, those rules of propriety and decorum which should regulate the intercourse between the two houses.

Therefore, Resolved, That the senate will not receive said printed journal, and other papers, or any others that may proceed from said unauthorised source.

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

WEDNESDAY, January 5, 1825.

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

On motion, the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the establishment and regulation of the levy courts of the several counties in this state, was referred to Messrs. Miller, Chambers and Quinton.

The bill to ascertain and fix the salary of the clerk of the council of this state, was read a third time, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates.

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

THURSDAY, January 6, 1825.

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

Mr. Scott appeared in the senate.

The president laid before the senate a report from the state's agent for the western shore; which was read and laid on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 4, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

The memorial of Colonel Richard Waters, of the city of Baltimore, has been received by this house and read; and we now transmit the same to you.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

Which was read, with the memorial to which it refers.

Also a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act declaring the assent of the legislature to the devise of lands in the will of John Postly, late of Worcester county, deceased, to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Scott, Johnson and Tilghman.

Also a bill, entitled, An act requiring the judges of the county courts of the fourth judicial district of this state to set apart certain days for the transaction of chancery business in said courts; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Quinton, Claude and Kent.

Also a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain and settle the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Also a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act relating to the removal of criminal causes in Baltimore city and county court, passed at December session 1821, chapter 241; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Chambers, Scott and Tilghman.

Also a bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Dorchester county to appoint a bailiff for the town of Vienna, in said county; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Also a bill, entitled, An act to annul the marriage of William L. Steuart, and Elizabeth, his wife, of