

The bill was then read a third time by special order, and the question was put, Shall the bill pass? Determined in the negative, and it was returned to the house of delegates.

The bill to alter and amend the constitution so as to allow to the city of Baltimore a representation equal to that of the several counties of this state, was read a third time, and the question was put, "Shall the bill pass?" The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

Affirmative—Messrs Stuart, Prest, Bowie, Brownley, Chambers, Claude, Cockey, Dickinson, Kent, Miller, Quinton, Scott, Tilghman.—12.

Negative.—Mr Orrell.—1

Determined in the affirmative

Mr Orrell from the committee reported a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to sheriffs, and for other purposes, passed at December session 1813, chapter 102; and it was read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr Miller from the committee reported a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Baltimore by way of the bridge across the Susquehanna, at Rock Run, to the Maryland line, in a direction to Staunton in the state of Delaware; and it was read the first time and laid on the table

The bill relating to the governor and council of this state, was read a second time and laid on the table.

Mr Chambers presented the counter memorial of John McKim, and others, to the petition of Hugh Thompson, praying an appeal in a certain case; which was read and referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition to which it is counter

Mr Chambers from the committee to whom was referred the bill to alter and abolish so much of the constitution and form of government of the state of Maryland as relate to the oath to be taken by the senators and delegates previous to the election of governor and council, delivered the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled, An act to alter and abolish so much of the constitution and form of government of the state of Maryland as relates to the oath to be taken by the senators and delegates previous to the election of governor and council, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report—That they are of opinion that the objects of the present bill were accomplished by an act confirmed at the last session; and did the subject affect members of the senate only, they would recommend the rejection of the bill. But such is not the case—the members of the house of delegates find themselves called upon to execute the duties contemplated, and, as your committee believe, provided for in the constitutional provision referred to. In the execution of their duties the members of the house can respect that construction alone, which they deem the correct one. By passing this bill, the house has distinctly announced the opinion, that the former change did not accomplish the purposes which the committee have said they believe was designed and effected by it. In deference therefore, to the opinion of the house, and as the only means of securing an observance of the same mode of proceeding which is now adopted in the senate, the committee recommend the passage of the bill.

By order, T. W. LOCKERMAN, Com. Clk.

Which was read.

The bill to alter and abolish so much of the constitution and form of government of the state of Maryland as relates to the oath to be taken by the senators and delegates previous to the election of governor and council, was then read a second time and laid on the table

The bill to repeal part of an act passed at December session eighteen hundred and six, was read a third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message; which was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 17, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message suggesting that a committee of the senate be appointed to unite with the committee of claims on the part of this house to contract forthwith for the printing of the laws of a public or private nature as they are passed, and we concur in your proposal.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Also a resolution in favour of the clerk of the court of appeals for the eastern shore, and the register of wills for Talbot county, which was read the first time and laid on the table. Also a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the prompt settlement of the public accounts and collection of the public revenue; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs Chambers, Bowie, Miller, Thomas and Kent. Also a bill, entitled, An act to change the name of Louisa Decoutres to that of Louisa Jacob, and to enable her to inherit the estate of the said Jacob; which was read the first time and laid on the table. Also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Jane Evans and Eliza Evans, infant children of Richard Evans, late of St. Mary's county deceased; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs Miller, Orrell and Dickinson. Also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Anne Dorsey of St. Mary's county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs Miller, Orrell and Dickinson. Also a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the proceedings of Somerset county court; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs Quinton, Cockey and Scott. Also a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the benefit of the infant children and heirs at law of Jesse Wainwright late of Somerset county, deceased; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs Quinton, Tilghman and Miller. Also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Whitmore of Prince George's county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs Miller, Orrell and Dickinson. Also a bill, entitled, An act relating to a public landing place and wharf at the place commonly called the ship yard, in Kent county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs Tilghman, Chambers and Scott. Also a bill, entitled, An act to repeal all such parts of the act, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property in the several counties of this state, as relate to the appointment of commissioners of the tax for Baltimore and Harford counties; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs Scott, Brownley and Miller.

Mr. Claude from the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, made a favourable report on the following resolutions: The resolution in favour of Nathan Porter of Talbot county; the resolution in fa-