

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

BY THE SENATE, Feb. 26, 1825.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have again rejected the bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list and other expenses of civil government, and also the resolution relative to the Chancellor's salary. We dissent from this bill yesterday because the salary provided for the Chancellor was, in our opinion, insufficient, and because we considered it a violation of the spirit and intention of the constitution and bill of rights. It is known to your honourable body, that but a few days ago the senate unanimously rejected the bill from your house to reduce the salary of the Chancellor, and to day, at the very moment we are about closing the session, when many of our members are absent who are known to have been opposed to any reduction of the salary of that officer, we are presented with another bill from your house, in which you have thought proper to make no provision to pay the Chancellor any salary whatever. If your honourable body will send us a bill to continue in force the act, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for establishing and securing the salary of the Chancellor, we will at once pass the civil list bill, otherwise we cannot, under any circumstances whatever, consent to that bill. The senate reject the difference of opinion that has arisen between the two houses in relation to this matter, but they owe it to themselves, and to the people of Maryland, after the repeated expression of their opinion on this subject, to adhere to the course they have taken.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

The bill to pay the civil list, and other expenses of civil government, was then three times read, referred, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Claude made a favourable report upon the bill relative to the assessment of taxes on certain lands lying in the vicinity of the city of Annapolis. The bill was then read a second and third time by special order, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Claude made an unfavourable report upon the resolution in favour of Samuel Davis, of the city of Baltimore, and the resolution in favour of Daniel and Walter Jenifer. The said resolutions were then severally read a second and third time, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Claude made a favourable report upon the resolution in favour of John Smith. The said resolution was then read a second and third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill regulating the height of fences and providing for trespasses committed by horses, mules, black cattle, sheep and hogs, and for other purposes; was read a third time, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill to compensate the adjutant general of this state, was read a third time, and the question put, Shall the bill pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

Affirmative—Messrs. Stuart, Prest. Bowie, Claude, Dickinson, Scott—5.

Negative—Messrs. Cockey, Kent, Miller, Orrell—4. Determined in the affirmative, and it was returned to the house of delegates.

The resolution in favour of Edward Pye, was read a second and third time, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates.

On motion, the bill to alter and amend the forty first section of the constitution and form of government so far as it relates to Baltimore county, was referred to the 1st June next.

The bill for the relief of Elie Wrench, of Washington county, was twice read, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates.

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

BY THE SENATE, Feb. 26, 1825.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have rejected a bill which originated in your honourable body, entitled, An act for the relief of Eli Rench, of Washington county, because they conceive that the case is already provided for by the act of the general assembly of Maryland, passed at November session 1773, chapter 7, entitled, An act for the amendment of the law, and have returned the same. By order, W. KILTY, Clk.

The resolution relative to the employment of counsel, was twice read, amended, passed, and returned to the house of delegates. Amendment proposed—Strike out the words "including Roger B. Tauey, esquire, if his services can be procured."

The resolution in favour of James Layton, was read a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Dickinson made a favourable report upon the resolution relative to Thomas Hall's bond. The resolution was then read a second and third time, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill to incorporate the Frederick town free school society, and for other purposes, was read a second and third time, amended, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill for the benefit of Jonathan Neale Laughlin, and his heirs, was twice read, passed, and returned to the house of delegates. The bill to explain and amend the act to tax certain officers, was twice read, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill to confirm to the vestry of Port Tobacco Parish, and their successors, the right to a lot of land therein mentioned, was twice read, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates returned the bill for the payment of the civil list, and other expenses of civil government with the following message; which was read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 26, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message of this morning announcing your determination not to pass the bill providing for the payment of the civil list, unless this house will send you a bill to secure the salary of the chancellor. We are under the impression that each bill should be acted upon according to its own peculiar merits or demerits, and although we admit that you have the power to reject a bill, we cannot believe that it is a proper exercise of that power to reject one bill, because we have not thought proper to pass another. If we have violated the constitution, we are responsible to the people, and we cannot conceive that your honourable body are such peculiar guardians of the constitution, as to coerce us into conformity with your construction of its provisions, by refusing to pass the bills necessary for the continuance of the government.

Under the impression that each subject should be acted upon according to its merits, we offer you the following resolution: Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore shall be and he is hereby authorised to receive, as a compensation for his services, during the present year, the sum of 2,000 dollars.

And we return again to your honourable body, for its consideration, the bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

The bill for the payment of the civil list was then read, and the question was put "Shall the bill pass?"

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

Affirmative—Messrs. Stuart, Prest. Cockey, Dickinson, Kent, Miller, Orrell, Scott—7.