

The resolution was then read, as amended, a third time assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

Also, a bill entitled "an act for the benefit of Richard Mason, of Caroline county, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Miller, Orrell, and Dickinson.

Also, a resolution prescribing the form of commission to the members of the deputation, to sister states, which was read the first, and by special order, a second time, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

Also, a resolution in favor of Samuel Stevens, esq. late governor of Maryland, which was read the first time, and laid on the table.

Mr. Miller presented the annual report of the trustees of West Nottingham Academy, shewing the state of said institution, which was read and referred to the house of delegates.

The resolution in favor of Samuel Stevens, esq. late governor, was read a second and third time, by special order, and rejected.

Mr. Johnson offered the following message, which was read and assented to.

-By the Senate, January 6th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have rejected the resolution received from your house to-day, in favor of Samuel Stevens, esq. the late governor, because it does not state the reason of its passage. We are perfectly willing to refund to the late governor, any money he may have spent for the use of the state, beyond the advance heretofore made to him, being satisfied that he has not done so, but for the state's interest, and we will cheerfully sanction a resolution to that effect, if the object be stated.

By order,

William Kilty, Clerk.

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

Saturday, January 7th, 1826.

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

The resolution in favor of Samuel Stevens, esq. late governor, was returned to the house of delegates, with the message relative thereto.

The president laid before the senate the following communication, which was read, and with the act to which it relates, referred to Messrs. Johnson, Tilghman, and Orrell.

Washington, January 4th, 1826.

Sir,

I have the honor to hand you a message from the president of the United States, in relation to a claim of Virginia for interest. An act was passed at the last session, allowing to that