

The committee to whom the said bill was recommitted, reported the same amended as directed. The bill was then read as amended, a second and third time by special order, passed with the proposed amendment, and returned to the house of delegates.

The engrossed bill for the amendment of the law, was read a third time by special order, passed and sent to the house of delegates.

The senate reconsidered the bill entitled an additional supplement to an act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers, with the amendments heretofore adopted. The same being read, the question was put, 'will the senate adhere to the first, second, third, fifth, sixth and eighth amendments to the bill heretofore adopted?' Determined in the affirmative, and the bill and amendments were 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, January 30th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

Agreeably to your request, the senate have reconsidered their first, second, third, fifth, sixth, and eighth amendments to the bill entitled 'an act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers,' and have thought it best to adhere to the same.

The senate concur in opinion with your honorable body, that it would be more convenient to persons residing out of the state, to execute and acknowledge deeds, to pass lands lying in this state before justices of the peace of other states; but the difficulty of establishing a mode of ascertaining the official character of justices of the peace of other states, that would not occasion as much trouble to nonresident grantors, as the mode of acknowledgement now prescribed by the bill, presents an insuperable objection to granting to justices of the peace of other states the power to take acknowledgements of deeds to pass lands lying within this state.

The senate also think that there might be less opportunity for the commission of fraud in the acknowledgement of deeds out of the state, if the power of taking the acknowledgement of them is restricted as it now is by the said bill. The bill and amendments are therefore returned to your honorable body, with the hope and expectation that you will adopt the amendments made by the senate.

By order,

William Kilty, Clerk.