

of persons dying within this state, so far as the same relates to the state of Delaware. The bill was then read the second, and by special order the third time, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Johnson from the committee made a favorable report upon the additional supplement to the act for the better regulation of the militia of the city of Baltimore. The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Bowie from the committee reported a bill entitled an act to alter and amend the constitution and form of government of this state, so as to limit the duration of the sessions of the legislature, which was read the first time, and laid on the table.

The senate resumed the consideration of the bill relating to insolvent debtors; the question before the senate being, whether the bill and amendments should be engrossed for a third reading? After some discussion, on motion, the question was put, shall the bill and amendments be recommitted? Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the bill relating to rights of dower, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendments—viz: 1st section. 2 line, before the word 'woman,' insert the word 'healthy;' 3d line, after the word 'or,' insert the words 'by order or decree of;' 4th line, after the word 'equity,' insert the words, 'or of law.' After the end of the first section, add as an additional section:

*And be it enacted,* 'That in case any woman claiming an allowance in lieu of her right of dower by virtue of this act, shall not be in good health; that the court of chancery, or county court as the case may be, shall have power to make such less allowance as the said court may think right and proper, according to the circumstances of the case.'

Which amendments were read, and with the bill laid on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill for the relief of Lambert Beard of Coecil county, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Miller, Brownley and Claude.

The resolution relative to the old meeting-house, was read a second and third time by special order, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates.

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

By the Senate, February 6th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have this morning received a preamble and resolution