

The president laid before the senate a communication from the treasurer of the Western Shore on the application of Alexander Nisbit, Esq. administrator D. B. N. of the late Thomas Cockey Deye, of Baltimore county, which was read, and with the accompanying documents, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee, reported a bill, entitled, an act relating to Baltimore county court; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

The senate proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the House of delegates, to the additional supplement to the act directing the manner of suing out attachments in this province, and limiting the extent of them. The same being read, was assented to, and with the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Scott made a favorable report upon the bill to ascertain the allowance to jurors, in the several counties of this state. The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

The resolution relative to a statute, was read a second and third time by special order assented to and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a resolution relative to the road from Washington to New Orleans, which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Also a resolution in favor of William Brown and Elisha Brown, executors of John Brown, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Dickinson, Quinton and Brownley.

Also the following message, accompanied by a resolution relative to Robert Stewart, collector of Somerset county, which were read and referred to Messrs. Quinton, Miller and Dickinson.

By the House of Delegates.

February 20th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate.

In granting an extension of time for the collection and payment of the direct tax in Somerset county, as provided for in a resolution adopted by your honorable body; the requisition of interest was inadvertently introduced. From information recently received, and which may be relied on, it appears that the levy court of Somerset county did not apportion the direct tax until the twelfth of July; this delay has necessarily abridged the time allowed to the collector by law, for the payment of this tax; in such a case it has not been usual to require interest. It will also be recollected that a disastrous season for the last year, has eventuated almost in a total destruction of the wheat crop; a pressure on the people at a season of scarcity and abstraction,