

On motion, the question was put—will the senate amend the bill by inserting the words ‘in which there may be such paper or papers printed,’ after the word ‘county’ in the eleventh line of the sixth section?’

Determined in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put—will the senate amend the bill by inserting at the end of the eleventh section, ‘and in all cases for the recovery of such fines and forfeitures, the informer shall be a competent witness.’ Determined the affirmative.

On motion the question was put—will the senate amend the bill by inserting at the end of the last section, ‘or to any private house-keeper or individual or individuals in this state, not in trade or pursuing some kind of merchandize as a business.

Determined in the affirmative.

The bill and the amendments were then ordered to be engrossed for the third reading.

Mr. Johnson from the committee reported a bill entitled, an additional supplement to the act entitled an act for the better regulation of the militia of the city of Baltimore, which was read the first, and by special order the second and third times, passed and sent to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message which was read.

By the House of Delegates, Feb’y 25th, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose with the concurrence of your honorable body to refer to a joint committee of both houses, the communication of the honorable John C. Weems, one of our representatives in congress, of the 21st instant, relative to the condition of Fort Madison, near the city of Annapolis. Messrs. Speed, Montgomery and Wilson, are appointed on the part of this house to act with such gentlemen as may be named by you on this committee. We also propose that the said committee be instructed to invite two physicians of the city of Annapolis, to join with and aid them in their enquiries.

By order,

John Brewer, Clerk.

Mr. Bowie from the committee to whom was referred the bill to empower the judges of Montgomery county court, to direct the sale of the lands therein mentioned, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought not to pass. The bill was then read the second, and by special order, the third time, rejected and returned to the house of delegates.