

"And be it enacted, That all such offences committed before the passage of this act, as are embraced by this act, shall be, and they are hereby directed to be proceeded against, and punished under the provisions of the laws in force at the time of the passage of this act."

Which substitute was read, and after some discussion, The senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, 14th February, 1827.

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

The senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to prevent gaming—and after some time, the committee arose, and reported the bill, with sundry amendments—which amendments were read and assented to.—The bill was then read a third time, and passed with the proposed amendments.

Mr. Forrest asked to be excused from serving on the committee appointed to visit the Maryland penitentiary and hospital, and he was accordingly excused.

Mr. Johnson moved to enlarge the said committee, and Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Rees were accordingly appointed.

The bill to alter the time of holding the county courts of Caroline county at their March terms, was read a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

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

By the House of Delegates, February 13th, 1827.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message of to-day, proposing the appointment of a joint committee, to make inquiry, and report what manuscript books of the journals or votes and proceedings of the two houses of assembly, under the proprietary government, there may be remaining; and also, what other manuscript books there may be relating to the provincial government, and what steps ought to be taken for their preservation; and also, whether any legal provisions are necessary and expedient to render transcripts from such books evidence in the several courts of law and equity in this state, and concur therewith. We have appointed Messrs. Banning and Hall, on the part of this house, to join the gentlemen named in your message, to effect the object as above contemplated.

By order,

Gideon Pearce, Clerk.

Also, a bill entitled, a further additional supplement to the act entitled, an act to alter and change the name of Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, to Hagerstown, and to incorpo-