

THURSDAY, February 3, 1831.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Heath offered the following message, which was read the first time and laid on the table

By the Senate,
February 3, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The Senate received your message some days ago, proposing an adjournment, on Saturday the 5th inst. "unless the convenience of the Senate should render a longer continuance of the session desirable" The business before the Senate when your message was received, was such as to render an adjournment at an earlier day, even, than the one suggested by the House of Delegates, perfectly convenient to the Senate. Yet, believing that the object and purposes of the meeting of the Legislature were, the transaction of public business, and believing too, from past experience, that business of importance to the people of Maryland would probably be presented for consideration, the Senate has hitherto refrained from answering your message. To your honorable body exclusively belong, under the Constitution, the power to originate all financial measures for the support of public credit, and the maintenance of public faith. To you, too, it belongs, as the grand inquest of the State, to enquire into public grievances, and to suggest the means of correction. Coming as you do immediately from the people, as their Representatives, you are presumed to know their interests and to reflect their sentiments. From your message proposing Saturday as the day of adjournment, and your subsequent silence upon that subject, the Senate infers that no further legislation, is in your opinion necessary during the session, in relation to the subjects indicated; and that it is not deemed expedient by your honorable body, to act at present, upon the great measures of Internal Improvement, and Public Education, in which the people of Maryland are so deeply interested. Under these impressions the Senate accedes to your proposition to adjourn on the 5th instant.

The Senate nevertheless feels it proper to state, that, "the convenience" of its members will never be consulted, where the public interests are concerned, and if your honorable body seems it necessary, to prolong the session, with a view to the maturity of any important measures now before the Legislature, or of any other measures calculated to promote the interest and happiness of this people; the Senate is willing