

By the House of Delegates,

Feb. 19th 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message proposing Saturday the 26th inst. as the day of final adjournment.

With regard to the number of bills and resolutions which are stated to have been sent up within the last four days, without seeking to be precise as to the number, we feel persuaded, that in the history of the legislature of Maryland similar occurrences have not been unusual; and further, that upon comparison it will be found that at no former session has the public business been suffered to accumulate by procrastination in the house of delegates, less than at the present.

Among the bills sent up by us within the few last days, a vast majority are private bills, of the plainest kind, and we had hoped that your honourable body, consisting of fifteen members, would have found it practicable to move with equal expedition as this house with eighty.

Your message informs us of very important measures now before the senate, while we cannot but regret that these important measures had not earlier attracted your attention, we admit that it is to be expected, that all things will now be done in order.

This house has been for some time without any thing to do. With no wish to precipitate the action of your honourable body, we respectfully decline your proposition to adjourn finally on Saturday the 26th inst.

We indulge the hope, that your honourable body will find it practicable to close the session at an earlier day, without failing to give to the subjects before you all the consideration required.

We shall hold ourselves ready to adjourn whenever your honourable body will inform us that such is the case.

By order,

G. G. Brewer, clk.

Mr. Heath, from the committee on internal improvement, made a favourable report upon the resolution relative to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

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

The resolution relative to furnishing the mayor, aldermen, and the boards of aldermen and common council of the city of Annapolis, also the mayor and aldermen of the city of Annapolis, each with one copy of the laws of the present ses-