

7th. At the end of the 5th section, add the following words: "the control of the state over the rail road hereby authorised to be constructed to be always commensurate with the amount of the state's interest therein."

8th. And after the 5th section as amended, add the following proviso: "Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed to preclude the legislature of this state from the imposition of such taxes as may be reasonable and just, in accordance with the burthens imposed on other real and personal property."

Which amendments were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the following message was read and assented to.

By the Senate,

Feb. 21, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

In returning to your honourable body the bill, entitled, An act to divorce Richard Gittings and Elizabeth Gittings of Baltimore county, we would most respectfully invite you to its reconsideration. The testimony in this case has been taken agreeably to law, and in our apprehension clearly proves, that at the time of the union of Mr. Gittings with the therein named Elizabeth, there was good reason to believe that her husband by a former marriage, was still living, and that there is no tribunal but that of the general assembly that can declare the separation petitioned for, null and void.

By order,

L. Gassaway, Clk.

Mr. Heath from the committee to which was referred the bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish pilots and regulate their fees, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and a majority of the committee were of opinion the bill ought not to pass.

The said bill was then read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dennis, the senate reconsidered the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act to amend the lottery system, heretofore rejected by the senate.

Mr. Heath from the committee, reported a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the commissioners of Baltimore county to levy and assess a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time.

Mr. Herbert from the committee, made a favourable report