

of government as it relates to the division of Somerset county into election districts, reported favorably thereon.

The bill was then read the second time.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following bills:

A bill entitled, an act to provide for the erection of a building for the accommodation of Somerset county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Dennis, Wootton and Emory.

A bill entitled, an act for the relief of Joseph Stone, and others, securities for William Williams, late sheriff and collector of St. Mary's county; which was read the first time and referred to the committee on Judicial Proceedings.

A bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to extend the charter of the Planter's Bank of Prince George's county, so as to enable the institution gradually to wind up its affairs; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Wootton, Pigman and Hughlett.

Mr. Wootton from the committee to which was referred a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Thomas F. Ward, of Saint Mary's county, reported favorably thereon.

The bill was then read the second time.

The bill, entitled, an additional supplement to the act entitled, an act authorising gates to be kept on the public roads in Queen Anne's county, passed at December session 1823, chapter 107; was taken up for consideration, and whilst progressing in the third reading,

On motion of Mr. Pigman the following amendment was read and assented to:

Strike out all the second section of the bill, and insert the following:

“And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the supervisors of the public roads at the time they render their accounts for settlement to the levy court, to accompany the same with a list under oath of the number of gates which are on the road of which he is supervisor, and designate to whom they belong. And when a list of gates has been so rendered by the supervisor, the person or persons to whom they belong, shall stand charged annually on the books of the collector therewith, until the said owner or owners of such gate or gates shall satisfy the levy court of their abatement and removal; and the supervisor having once returned a list of gates under the provisions of this act, shall hereafter be required to return annually, only such gate or