

Mr. Mayer from the committee to which was referred the petition of Lewis W. H. Geese, reported a bill entitled, an act relating to opening streets, lanes, and alleys, laid out by the present plan of the city of Baltimore.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Dennis from the committee to which was referred the preamble and resolutions relative to the public lands of the United States.

Reported that the committee are of opinion they ought to be adopted with the following amendment, which was read and assented to:

Strike out all the preamble and substitute the following preamble:

“Whereas the national domain was acquired by the whole American people, and therefore of right ought to enure for their common benefit. And whereas the appropriation of the same to the colonization of the free coloured people—to internal improvement and to education would essentially contribute to promote our internal security, to strengthen the bonds of our union, and to render us a permanently free, virtuous, enlightened and happy people.”

The resolutions were then progressing, in the second reading, when

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

In the 1st resolution strike out the words, “is impolitic, unjust, and highly injurious to the fair and legitimate claims of Maryland,”

And insert “does not meet the approbation of this General Assembly.”

The resolution was then read through the second, and by special order the third time, and assented to.

Mr. Mayer submitted the following message, which was read the first time:

By the Senate, 26, 1833.  
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Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee upon the subject of a State Bank, and urging the condition of the finances of the State and its pecuniary engagements as a motive to some action for sustaining or improving its resources; and to a consultation as to the expediency of the institution referred to for accomplishing a necessary or beneficial result in aid of our means or credit.