

Mr. Mayer, from the committee on judicial proceedings, to which was referred the petition of Charles R. Barney, and others, reported a bill entitled, An act to authorise an exchange of certain grounds therein mentioned,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Morris, from the committee on finance, to which was referred the bill entitled, An act to incorporate the Merchant's Bank of Baltimore, reported,

That the committee had had said bill under consideration, and were of opinion it ought to pass with the following amendment,

Which was read the first time:

At the end of the bill, add the following sections:

“Section 16. Be it enacted, That the charters of the several incorporated Banks, in the city of Baltimore, as were renewed and continued, by the act passed December session. 1821, ch. 131, that may comply with the provisions and conditions hereinafter required, are hereby continued and extended, from the year 1845, as provided for by said act, until the year 1855, and the end of the session of the General Assembly next thereafter, and that said corporations, or the president and directors thereof, shall, in consideration of the extension of the corporate privileges, annually pay to the State of Maryland, the sum of twenty cents on every hundred dollars of the capital stock of such Bank, now actually paid in, or that may hereafter actually be paid in, to be applied to the same object, and subject to the penalties for the neglect to pay the same, as is prescribed by the 9th section of this act; and the said corporations, or the president and directors thereof, shall pay the further sum of thirty thousand dollars—the same to be paid *pro-rata* of their respective capital stocks, as it may actually be paid in, on or before the acceptance of this act; and that said sum of thirty thousand dollars shall be paid to the treasurer of the Western Shore, on the acceptance of the extension of the charters, as hereinafter provided.

Section 17. Be it enacted, That such of the Banks or Corporations, referred to in the foregoing section, as agree to accept of the renewal of their charters, upon the terms and conditions herein contained, are required, and shall transmit to the Executive of this State a certificate of their determination, on or before the first day of