

On motion, the question was put, That the house reconsider the above resolution? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That five shillings and six-pence be allowed for every hoghead of tobacco inspected after the passage of this act, to defray the inspectors salaries and the warehouse rent? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill declaring jurisdiction in civil cases, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass with the following amendments? Determined in the negative.

Amendments proposed. First page, 4th line, strike out from the word "real" to the word "assessed" in the 9th line of the same page; both inclusive, and insert "personal actions, where the thing in demand." Same page, 10th line, after the word "hundred" insert "and fifty." Strike out the second enacting clause. 2d page, last line, and first line in the 3d page, strike out the words "or from the general court of the shore." 3d page, 3d line, strike out the words "general or." Same page, 11th line, after the word "hundred" insert "and fifty." 4th page, 6th line, after the word "hundred" insert "and fifty." Same page, 2d line, strike out from the word "except" to the word "property" in the third line, both inclusive. Same page, strike out from the word "but," in the seventh line inclusive, to the end of the clause. 10th page, 4th line, strike out the words "may in their discretion," and insert "shall," and strike out the words "personal or mixed" in the 5th line of the same page. Same page, 7th line, strike out the words "plaintiff or." Same line, same page, after the word "resides" strike out the words "or if justice requires in any other county." 13th page, 3d line from the bottom, after the word "court" insert "or any county court." 14th page, 5th line from the bottom, after the word "court" insert "or of any county court." 16th page, 4th line, after the word "court" insert "or any county court."

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the expiring laws of this state, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Ridout, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to ascertain the salary of the judge of the land-office for the eastern shore, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, with the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish a bank in the district of Columbia, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 21, 1795.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

UNDER an impression that the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish a bank in the district of Columbia, has been negatived because its possible tendency might be to increase the capital of the bank quicker than the original act contemplated, we therefore return it to you for reconsideration, suggesting, that if you will adopt the following amendment, to be inserted at the end of the third line of the second page, it will be agreeable to the house of delegates, to wit: "And provided also, that the aggregate amount of voluntary payments so made to the bank shall in no one year exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars." By the existing act of incorporation the directors of the bank have now power to call annually for payments to the above amount, and the penalty of forfeiture on non-payment tends extremely to depreciate the value of the stock of the bank. The proposed amendment is consonant to the wishes of the president and directors of the bank, as expressed in their application to the general assembly. The late period of the session has induced us to adopt this message instead of originating a new bill containing the proposed amendment. We presume, if the proposed amendment is adopted, to believe, that the bill will be beneficial to the bank, and to the stockholders interested therein, and not injurious to the public, or any individuals of the community.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Pinkney, from the committee of conference, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE joint committee of both houses, appointed to confer on the subject of the western and southern limits of this state, report, that they consider it as an object of great importance, to effect an adjustment of the western and southern limits of this state, and of the claim of this state to certain territory within the supposed limits of Virginia, by mutual compact between the two governments; and they therefore recommend the following resolutions as preparatory to that end.

RESOLVED, That William Pinkney, William Cooke and Philip Barton Key, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners on the part of this state to meet such commissioners as may be appointed for the same purpose by the commonwealth of Virginia, to settle and adjust, by mutual compact between the two governments, the western and southern limits of this state, and the dividing lines and boundaries between this state and the said commonwealth; and also to settle and adjust as aforesaid any claim of this state or the said commonwealth to territory within the limits of the other; and the said commissioners are required to report their proceedings, in virtue of this appointment and authority, to the general assembly of this state, at their next session after the same shall have been concluded, for confirmation or rejection.

RESOLVED, That the governor of this state be requested to transmit, without delay, to the governor of Virginia, a copy of the foregoing resolve, in order to its being laid before the legislature of that