

Mr. Hodges, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Francis Fibbins and Hester Fibbins, of Anne-Arundel county, and Mr. Sanders, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of William Smith, devisee of Robert Smith, late of Harford county, deceased; which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to enlarge and improve the hospital in the vicinity of Baltimore, and for other purposes, and the bill in favour of Elam Miller, of Baltimore county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill to prevent the erection of chimnies of materials other than brick or stone in the town of Salisbury, in Somerset and Worcester counties, and the bill to amend an act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections, severally endorsed, "will not pass." Also a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the stockholders of the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. And the resolution in favour of Francis Johnson, endorsed, "dissented from."

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to alter and abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as are therein mentioned, and, on motion, That the following words be stricken out, to wit: "That there shall be, and there is hereby created and established, a district court of chancery in and for each of the several judicial districts in this state, and that there shall be appointed and commissioned for each of the said judicial districts, a person of integrity and sound legal knowledge, residents of the state, who shall be styled in the commission Chancellor of the district for which he shall be appointed, and who shall, previous to and during his acting as chancellor of the district, reside in the district for which he shall be appointed, and he shall hold his commission during good behaviour, removable for misbehaviour in the manner prescribed by the constitution and form of government for the removal of the chief judge of the several judicial districts; and the chancellor of the district, so to be appointed for each respective district, shall preside and hold the district court of chancery within his said district; and the district court of chancery so as aforesaid established, shall have, hold and exercise, in the several districts, all and every the powers, authorities and jurisdictions, which the chancellor of this state now has and exercises, and which shall hereafter be prescribed by law; and the said chancery district courts, established by this act, shall respectively hold their courts in the several districts at such time and places as the legislature shall direct and appoint, and the salaries of the said chancellors shall not be diminished during their continuance in office. And be it enacted, That the court of appeals as now established, instead of being composed of the chief judge of the several judicial districts, shall be composed of the chancellors of the respective districts, who shall, when sitting in the court of appeals, be styled Judges of the Court of Appeals. And be it enacted, That each of the chief justices of the several judicial districts, who shall be in commission when this act takes effect, shall be commissioned as chancellor of the district in which he resides. And be it enacted, That appeals may be prosecuted from the decree of the district courts of chancery to the court of appeals, in the same manner as is now used and prescribed from the court of chancery to the court of appeals, and the judge who may have given, as chancellor of the district, a decree in the district court of chancery, shall withdraw from the bench upon deciding the same case in the court of appeals. And be it enacted, That there shall be a register, who shall be the auditor for each of the district courts of chancery, to be appointed by the chancellor of the district, who shall hold his commission during good behaviour, removable only for misbehaviour, on conviction in a court of law, and shall receive such fees as may by law be prescribed. And be it enacted, That the chancellor of the district in which each of the land-offices shall be held, shall be judge thereof. And be it enacted, That there shall be a seal for each of the said district courts of chancery established by this act, and that the governor shall be the keeper of the great seal, and attest all public commissions and grants. And be it enacted, That there shall be appointed for each of the said judicial districts, two persons of integrity and sound legal knowledge, residents of this state, and who, previous to their appointment, and during their acting as judges, shall reside in the district for which they shall respectively be appointed, one of whom shall be styled in the commission Chief Judge, and the other Associate Judge, of the district for which they shall be appointed, and the chief judge, with the associate judge, shall compose the county court in each respective district, and each judge shall hold his commission during good behaviour, removable for misbehaviour, on conviction in a court of law, or shall be removed by the governor, upon the address of the general assembly, provided two thirds of all the members concur in such address; and the county courts, so as aforesaid established, shall have, hold and exercise, in the several counties of this state, all the powers, authorities and jurisdictions, which the county courts of this state now have, except so far as the same may be altered, or which may be hereafter granted by law. And be it enacted, That all and every part of the constitution and form of government which relates to the court of appeals and the county court, the judges thereof, or the chancellor or register in chancery, or that is in any manner repugnant to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this act, be and the same is hereby repealed, abrogated and annulled, upon the confirmation hereof," for the purpose of inserting the words, "Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all those parts of the constitution and form of government of this state, which relate to the chancellor, the chancery court, and the register of the chancery court, be and the same are hereby repealed and annulled, and that all the powers heretofore vested in the chancellor or court of chancery, be and the same are hereby vested in the several county courts of this state, or the judges thereof, or any one or more of them, in such manner and form as shall here-