

nesses, whose testimony may be required in relation to the memorial of Henry Wayman, of Anne Arundel county.

Mr. Edelen submitted the following message; which was read, assented to, and with the bill therein mentioned, sent to the senate.

By the House of Delegates,

February 2, 1831,

Gentlemen of the Senate,

This house have considered the amendments proposed by your honourable body to the bill, entitled, An act to restrain attorneys and solicitors in chancery, from entering their appearance in any suit or action in the courts of this state without special authority. We dissent from the third amendment, and with an amendment by us proposing to insert the words plaintiff or plaintiffs to come in before the word defendant, wherever it occurs, we assent to all the other amendments proposed. The object of our amendments to those proposed by your honourable body is to make the bill in its operation apply as well to plaintiffs as defendants. The necessity of which, we trust, will appear obvious when the fact is adverted to, that by the practice of the courts under the existing laws any attorney may enter his appearance for the plaintiff to any suit or action, and thereby be legally competent to release the defendant, receive the plaintiff's money, and make any use of it he may think proper, without the authority, knowledge or consent of such plaintiff, whereby injury and loss may sometimes happen to those who may be under the necessity of collecting their debts through the medium of the courts of this state. With these very brief suggestions, we return the bill and amendments as amended in this house, to your honourable body, and respectfully request that you will reconsider and assent thereto.

Mr. Comegys reported a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the commissioners of Cecil county, to levy a sum of money to rebuild a bridge over Big Elk creek, in the village of Elkton, on the road leading past the scite of the old market-house towards Warwick in said county.

Mr. Merrick reported a bill, entitled. An act to authorise the commissioners of Washington county to levy a sum of money for the erection of a bridge over Antietam creek, at or near M'Pherson's and Brien's furnace, on the road leading from Sharpsburgh to Harper's-Ferry.

Mr. Hunt reported a bill, entitled, An act to authorise Mary Lyon, to lease the real estate of her infant children