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Also the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for electing commissioners for Washington county, and prescribing their powers and duties.

And the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the opening of a street in Hagers-town, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were severally read the first, and by special order the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas F. Ward, of Saint-Mary's county, endorsed, "will not pass."

Also the resolution requesting the governor to cause to be bound up the pamphlet laws of the several states and territories of the United States, as may be now in the state library; endorsed, "assented to." Ordered to be engrossed.

And delivered a communication from G. Decker, Esq. president of the Baltimore and Reister's-town Turnpike Road Company, enclosing an abstract of the accounts of said company, from the 7th day of January 1828, to the 3d day of January 1831, in conformity to directions in the act of assembly, passed at November session 1804.

Which was read.

Also a communication from the executive department, enclosing a communication from the president of the United States, accompanied with a report of the secretary of war, (received and referred by the senate to the consideration of this house;) which was read, and is as follows:

Executive Department,
Annapolis, February 8th, 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and
of the House of Delegates,

We herewith lay before you a communication from the president of the United States, accompanied by a report of the secretary of war, in answer to the application, which, at your request, we made, for the appointment of one or more of the United States engineers, to make a survey of the coast between cape Charles and Lewis town.

We very much regret the view taken by the president and secretary of war, of the important improvement contem-