

with the performance of this lesser duty. Can it be supposed to be unsafe to trust the decision of the question of removal, in a case of minor importance, to that tribunal, to which you have committed the solemn question of life or death? the high question whether a man shall live or die? Would not his liberty and his reputation be safe with that tribunal? Can it be supposed that the judges of a whole district would combine, and in defiance of public opinion—in violation of the law of the land—in disregard of their oaths of office, and of their own characters—refuse a removal of his cause, to any party, who justly and properly asked it at their hands?

The senate does not perceive in the bill the slightest danger, but on the contrary, a just and mild remedy for a great and onerous grievance.

The senate again then, and most respectfully, yet earnestly, solicits the reconsideration of the bill, under a hope that your honourable body may be induced to pass it.

By order,

L. Gassaway, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Watters from the committee on inspections, reported a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for regulating and inspecting weights and measures used in this state, passed at December session 1825, chapter 206.

And Mr. Steele reported a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to enable the purchasers to obtain possession of lands and premises sold by sheriffs, coroners and elisors, at public auction, passed at December session 1825, chapter 103.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 11, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Horatio Claggett, of Alexandria; and the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas Murphey, of Queen-Anne's county, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Gantt presented the petition of William M'Laughlin, of Prince-George's county, praying to be placed on the pension list of said county.

Mr. Gittings presented the petition of Zadock Duxall, of