

An act to establish orphan's courts, in the several counties of this state, passed at February session 1777; was taken up for consideration, read the second time, and passed.

On motion by Mr. Pearce,

The house took up for consideration, the bill reported by Mr. Hunt, entitled, An act to incorporate the Millington and Smyrna Rail Road Company.

On motion by Mr. Pearce said bill was amended, by inserting as the tenth section to the bill the following.

*And be it enacted,* That whenever in the construction of said road it shall be necessary to cross or intersect any established road or way, it shall be the duty of the President and Directors of said company so to construct the said road across such established road or way as not to impede the passage or transportation of persons or property along the same and where it shall be necessary to pass through the land of any individual, it shall also be their duty to provide for such individual proper wagon ways across said road.

On motion by Mr. Pearce said bill was further amended, by adding at the end thereof as an additional section the following.

Sec. 14. *And be it enacted,* That if said Road shall not be commenced in three years from the passage of this act and shall not be finished within this state in ten years from the time of the commencement thereof, then this act shall be null and void.

The said bill was then read the second time as amended, and passed.

The doorkeeper having returned, reported that in obedience to order he had notified the absent members, that their attendance in the house was required. The house then resumed the consideration of the bill entitled, An act to alter and amend the constitution, so as to reduce the number of delegates from each county, and the city of Annapolis, and give an additional member to the city of Baltimore.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, said bill was amended by inserting after the word "Annapolis," in the first section and third line, the words, "city of Frederick."

On motion by Mr. Handy, said section was further amended, by striking out in the seventh line, these words, "two, and at all times," and insert in lieu thereof the following, "three, and on the first Monday in October, in each and every year."

Mr. Gantt moved to amend said section by striking out in the ninth line thereof, after the word "county," the word "three," and insert in lieu thereof, the word "two."