

Mr. Jones, of Somerset, moved that the committee of grievances and courts of justice, be discharged from the consideration of the petition of sundry citizens of this state, relative to the mode now practised for collecting tolls on the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, and that said petition be referred to a select committee;

Resolved in the affirmative.

In pursuance whereof the Speaker appointed Messrs. Burchenal, Scott, Pratt, Bruff, Cushing, Wharton and Wyse, the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Somerset, the house took up for consideration, the bill reported by him, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, entitled, an act to amend the law in relation to distress for rent, so far as to require the landlord to make oath to the amount of rent claimed to be due.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Somerset, said bill was laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Tuesday week next, the 17th February.

The clerk of the Council delivered a communication from the Executive, which is as follows:

*Executive Department,*

Annapolis, Feb. 7th 1835.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your order of the 2d January last, calling upon the Governor and Council for any information in their possession, relative to the progress made in the revision and collation of the laws of this state, as required by a resolution passed at December session, 1825, No. 95, and what prospects there are of the early completion of said work.

In answer to the call made upon us in this order, we regret to state, that we are unable to furnish the House of Delegates with any information on this subject, additional to that contained in the official communication from this department, laid before both branches of the legislature, on the 1st day January, 1834.

We have the honor to be,

With the highest respect;

Your obedient servants,

JAMES THOMAS.

Which was read and referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Hughes, Hambleton, of Talbot, Jones of Somerset, Jones, of Baltimore, Gaither, Brengle and Ely.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, an act to authorise the conveyance of a lot of ground in the Town