

Mr. Coad asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to provide for the reduction of the pay of members of the Legislature to \$1,50 per day, after the 10th of March.

Mr. Berry submitted the following order:

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal of this House, that Mr. Berry would have voted for the resolution of the gentleman from St. Mary's, adopted as an amendment to the substitute offered by the gentleman from Prince George's, for the resolutions offered by the gentleman from Baltimore city, if it had not been adopted as an amendment to the substitute of the gentleman from Prince George's, in the following words, "Resolved, that well regulated specie paying banks, in the present condition of the commerce and business of the country, are highly necessary for the convenience and prosperity of the people of this State."

The Speaker announced it as his opinion, that it would require an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present, to pass an order of the character of that which has been moved by the member from Allegany, or to authorise its being placed upon the Journal; and that, if it should not be adopted, the only entry in relation to it would be, that a motion was made by the member on the subject of a vote heretofore given by him upon a question already determined by the House, agreeably to its standing rules and orders.

On the question being put, will the House adopt the said order? It was determined in the affirmative, by a vote of 38 to 3.

Mr. Mason, chairman of the committee on internal improvements, reported that he had received the following communications from the Presidents of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company and the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road company;

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Which were read.

Mr. Mason moved that the same be printed;

Mr. Bowie moved to amend said motion by inserting after the word "that" the words "five times the usual number of copies of;"

Before the question was put, will the House agree to amend.

On motion of Mr. Legrand,

The House was called and the door-keeper sent for the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Gaither,

The House took up for consideration the resolutions submitted by him on the 9th inst. relating to public lands;

Read, and on motion of Mr. Gaither, made the order of the day for Wednesday week next.

Mr. Humphreys reported a bill, entitled, an act for the re-assessment and valuation of the real and personal property in Somerset county;

Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Berry presented the petition of Bene S. Pigman, John Hoye and others, commissioners to superintend the building of the court house in the town of Cumberland, praying the passage