

Severally read the first and by special order a second time, passed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Giles reported a bill entitled, an act for the better government of the banks of Baltimore city;

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

Mr. Stansbury reported a bill entitled, an act to provide for the payment of State witnesses in Baltimore county;

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

On motion of Mr. Gaither,

The House took up for consideration the bill reported by him entitled, a further supplement to the act relating to mortgages;

On motion of Mr. Gaither,

It was referred to the committee on corporations;

Mr. Le'Grand chairman of the committee on corporations, to whom was referred the bill reported by Mr. Bramwell entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of Wolf Bottom Academy, in Carroll county, reported the same with the following amendment;

Amendment proposed.

Section 3. Be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorise or empower said corporation, to issue any note, certificate, token or credence of debt, to be used as currency, and that nothing herein contained, shall be so construed as to deny to the Legislature to reclaim at pleasure, the rights and privileges hereby granted;

Read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Giles moved to take up the orders of the day.

The first order is the bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act against excessive usury, passed September session 1704, chapter 69.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely,

The House was called and the doorkeeper sent after the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Risteau,

The House took up for consideration, the bill entitled, an act for the better regulation of private roads in this State;

Mr. Risteau moved the following as a substitute for said bill:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any of the County Courts in this State to declare, or consider, any road or way to be a public road, or a way for the use of any person or persons other than the owner or owners of the soil over which such way may pass, except in the particular cases of roads that have already been decided otherwise by said courts; or where the Levy Court, or County Commissioners of any county have heretofore appointed a supervisor and expended money for the keeping of any such road in repair as a public road; or where a positive grant of a right of way shall have been made: and every County Court shall hereafter, in all cases that may be brought before them in relation to any road or way, confine themselves within the provisions of the act