

an act for the relief of the Farmers and Millers Bank of Hagerstown, was taken up for consideration,

On motion of Mr. Fletcher,

Said bill was amended by adding at the end thereof as additional sections the following:

"4th. Be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said corporation to issue more than three dollars in bank notes for every dollar in coin in its vaults.

5th. Be it further enacted, That before the said scire facias be stricken off the attorney general or his deputy shall examine into the condition of the bank, and shall be fully satisfied that the thirty thousand dollars required by the first section of this act be the bona fide assets of the said bank, and the same shall be in gold silver and copper coin.

Mr. Biser moved further to amend said bill by adding at the end thereof as an additional section the following:

"And be it further enacted, That the legislature reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal the charter of said bank at pleasure;"

Determined in the negative.

The said bill having been read through as amended;

It was passed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Lankford,

The House took a recess until 4 o'clock, P. M.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

A sufficient number of members not appearing to form a quorum.

On motion of Mr. Sprigg, of Prince George's,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was sent with the mace after the absent members to compel their attendance in the House, the roll being first called and a list of the absent members placed in his hands.

After being absent for some time, the Sergeant-at-Arms, returned, bringing with him a sufficient number of members to constitute a quorum.

On motion of Mr. Sprigg, of Prince George's,

The House suspended further proceedings under the call.

On motion of Mr. Fooks,

The House took up for consideration, the bill reported by him entitled, an act concerning the draining of swamps and low grounds by the laying out and opening of public ditches;