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So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Purnell moved further to amend said bill by adding at the end thereof the following proviso :

"Provided however, nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent any person selling on purchasing by running measure ;"

Which was read,

Mr. Biser moved to refer said bill and amendment to the consideration of the next General Assembly of Maryland;

Resolved in the affirmative.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day,

The House proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Biser, entitled, an act to provide for taking the vote of the people of this State, as to the expediency of calling a convention, to reform the present, or frame a new Constitution, so to amend the existing Constitution, as to enable the Legislature to call a convention.

Mr. Biser moved to amend said bill by inserting after the word "State," in the 1st section, 6th line the following : "voting for or against such call shall."

Mr. Hughes moved to strike out the enacting clause of the bill.

Pending this motion, and after debate thereon,

Mr. Calvert moved a call of the House, and asked for the previous question.

The House was then called and the doorkeeper sent for the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The House resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the doorkeeper.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Ordered, That the committee on Military Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be directed to enquire in the propriety of allowing a pension to Mrs. Eleanor Watkins, widow of Col. Gassaway Watkins, a revolutionary officer.

Mr. Morsell submitted the following message :

*By the House of Delegates,*

*February 25th, 1845.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We have received your message proposing to go into an election this day at 12 o'clock, of the Directors on the part of the State, in those banks of the State, in reference to which the joint action of the two Houses is required, the state of business in this House, will preclude our entering into the election, as suggested by your honorable body, we therefore propose to enter into said election at 2 o'clock, this day.

By order,

George G. Brewer, Clk

Which was read, "assented to," and sent to the Senate.