

On motion by Mr. Dennis, the question was put, That the following be received as an amendment to the said amendment. "And be it enacted, That nothing in this act contained shall hereafter incapacitate any bank in this state from being sued and impleaded, answered and defended, in any court of record, or any other place whatsoever, in the name and style by which any such bank was originally incorporated, nor to deprive any holder of any note of any bank in this state of such mode of remedy, or enforcing the payment of any such note, as any holder of such note had and employed prior to the passage of this act?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house adopt the original amendment as amended? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill having been read throughout and amended, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the benefit of Thomas H. Bowie, register in chancery, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill authorising the levy court of Calvert county to borrow a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill for the relief of Mary E. Berrett of Baltimore county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. A bill, entitled, An act to authorise the sale of part of the real estate of George Slacum late of Alexandria in the district of Columbia, endorsed, passed by the senate January 29, 1817. Also a bill, entitled, An act to invest the levy court of Baltimore county with the powers now exercised by the commissioners of the tax of the city and county of Baltimore, and for other purposes, endorsed, passed by the senate, Jan. 30, 1817; which were severally read. The resolutions in favour of the clerks, the messenger to the court of chancery, and the Baltimore hospital, severally endorsed "assented to." The resolution in favour of Cornelius Mills, Caleb Stewart, Gotlieb J. Grammer, and Henry Coulter, endorsed, "on reconsideration assented to." The resolution relative to the fisheries of the Potomac, endorsed, "assented to with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read and assented to. And the following resolutions:

#### BY THE SENATE, January 30, 1817.

Resolved, That William H. Winder, Thomas Ellicott, Levi Hollingsworth, Robert Morgan, Abraham Jarrett, Joseph Coudon and Levin Gale, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to examine the river Susquehanna so far as they think necessary, and to consider and report to the next general assembly upon the means in their opinion best calculated to improve the navigation of that river.

Resolved, That should the state of Pennsylvania appoint commissioners with like powers, the above named commissioners are authorised and directed to confer with such commissioners of the state of Pennsylvania, and if practicable to agree upon a joint report to be made to the legislatures of each state.

Resolved, That the governor be and he is hereby requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to the governor of Pennsylvania, and to invite him to take such steps as he may deem expedient to induce the state of Pennsylvania to concur in the objects of the above resolutions.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which were read.

And the engrossed bills No. 149 to 152, inclusive, severally endorsed, "read and assented to."

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to open the navigation of Zachia Run. Ordered, That Messrs. Stoddert, Posey and Jenkins, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns until this evening 5 o'clock.

#### POST MERIDIEM, 5 O'CLOCK.

The house met.

Mr. Bradford delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for a road from the corner of John Pile's meadow to intersect the road leading from Ashmore's mill to Harry's mill; and petition counter thereto; which were severally read, and on motion by Mr. W. Stewart, the same were referred to the consideration of the next general assembly.

Mr. Thomas delivers a petition from Lawson Alexander, praying for a law authorising the county court of Cecil county to appoint persons to value certain lands, and that the treasurer of the eastern shore be authorised to pay to him the said valuation on his releasing all his right and title to said land to the person claiming under the state; which was read and referred to Messrs. Thomas, A. D. Mitchell and Lecompte.

Mr. W. Stewart delivers a petition from Aaron Levering, in behalf of his infant daughter Ann Sophia, praying permission to bring into this state a certain negro slave; which was read and referred to Messrs. W. Stewart, Kell and Bradford.

Mr. Stoddert delivers a memorial from Thomas H. Bowie, register in chancery, praying that the executive may be authorised to have certain work done in the chancery office measured and valued, and directed for the payment of the same; which was read and referred to Messrs. Stoddert, Potts and Banning.

Mr. W. Stewart delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to complete Trinity Church, and build a parsonage house, within the city of Baltimore; which was read.

Mr. Kell delivers a bill, entitled, An act declaring the operation of a deed from William B. Barney, and Mary his wife, to Thomas Sweeting; which was read.

Mr. Semmes delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery or lotteries for the purpose of purchasing a public library, and establishing and endowing a free school in Prince-George's county; which was read.

The bill annulling the marriage of Samuel Maddox and Amelia Maddox, of Somerset county, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the more easy administration of justice in this state. On motion by Mr. Stoddert, the question was put, That the following be inserted after the third section of the bill: "And be it enacted, That the chief judges of the several judicial districts, who shall be in commission when this act shall take effect, shall be commissioned chancellors of the district in which they shall respectively reside?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, The question was put, That the following be inserted after the 4th section