

and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, endorsed, "will not pass." A bill, entitled, An act to suppress duelling, endorsed, passed by the senate February 1, 1817. A bill, entitled, An act making valid receipts and acquittances executed by females above the age of sixteen years, endorsed, passed by the senate January 31, 1817; and a bill, entitled, An act to enable Milcah Owings, the guardian of Caleb Daughady, Eleanor Daughady, John Stewart, Susan Stewart and Margaret Stewart, to sell and convey part of a lot of ground in the city of Baltimore, endorsed, passed by the senate January 31, 1817; which were severally read. The resolution in favour of the trustees of Charlotte Hall school, endorsed, "assented to." The resolution in favour of Robert Dunn, jun. endorsed, "dissented from." The resolution appointing commissioners to view the road therein mentioned, endorsed, "assented to with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read and assented to. The resolution for the removal of Zebulon Hollingsworth, an associate judge of the sixth judicial district of Maryland, endorsed, "assented to," accompanied by the following message:

BY THE SENATE, January 31, 1817.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

The senate have had the resolution for the removal of Judge Hollingsworth under consideration. The senate assent to the resolution generally, believing as they do that the removal of Judge Hollingsworth is required by the public interest; but in the discharge of this painful duty the senate cannot lose sight of the individual who is the object of it. The investigation made by the senate into the conduct and character of judge Hollingsworth, has satisfied them that he has failed to give that attendance on the courts which the nature of his appointment and the public interest require. But from the testimony exhibited to the senate they are not satisfied that the charge of intemperance is sufficiently supported, or that Judge Hollingsworth, from that cause has been rendered incompetent to the discharge of the duties of a Judge. With this explanation of their reasons the senate assent to the resolution.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which was read.

Also the following messages:

BY THE SENATE, February 1, 1817.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

The senate accede to your proposition relating to the appointment of a director on the part of the state in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Baltimore, and are ready to proceed immediately to the election. No others are mentioned by the senate in addition to those nominated by you Messrs. Dorsey and Gale are appointed to join the gentlemen nominated in your message to count the ballots and report the result.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

BY THE SENATE, February 1, 1817.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We propose with your concurrence to close the session on Wednesday next.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which were severally read.

Also the engrossed bills, No. 101 to 114, inclusive, severally endorsed, "assented to."

On motion by Mr. Banning, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 1, 1817.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We have received your message proposing to close the session on Wednesday next, to which we accede.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Banning, the following order was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of claims close the journal of accounts including Thursday next.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 1, 1817.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

Agreeably to the message received from your honourable body, we will proceed immediately to the election of a director on the part of the state in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Baltimore.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

Mr. Potts delivers a bill, entitled, An act concerning lots lying westward of Fort Cumberland in Allegany county, purchased by Thomas Johnson of Frederick county; which was read.

Mr. Thomas delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company under the title of the Chesapeake Fishing Company; which was read.

Mr. Cresap delivers a bill, entitled, An act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the name of the Farmers Bank of Allegany; which was read.

Mr. Prather delivers a bill, entitled, An act to continue in force the acts of assembly which would expire with the present session; which was read.

Mr. Posey delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Maddox, of Charles county; which was read.

Mr. Lecompte delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and make public a road in Dorchester county; which was read.

Mr. Stoddert delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to open the navigation of Zachia run; which was read.

The bill relating to writs of certiorari in the cases therein mentioned; the bill authorising Samuel G. Smith, of the city of Baltimore, to remove and bring into this state a certain negro therein mentioned; the bill for the relief of Sarah Cis of Talbot county, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill for the sale of the real estate of Alexander Magruder, of Prince George's county, deceased, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Washington, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter the mode of filling up vacancies in the senate and for other purposes? Resolved in the affirmative. Ordered, That Messrs. Washington, Stoddert, Hambleton, Potts and Hands, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of George Dins was read the second time, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.