

Gilder, and Ann Gilder, of Queen Anns county, were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Mr. Kennedy was appointed by the president, to supply the place of Mr. Nelson, on the committee to whom was referred, the bill for the regulation of officers fees, prepared by Gideon Pearce, Esquire, under a resolution of the last general assembly.

On motion, the bill to establish a library for the use of the legislature, was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Sewell, from the committee on divorces, made an unfavourable report upon the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Smith, of Washington county. The said bill was then read a second time.

Mr. Harrison offered the following message, which was read the first time, and laid on the table.

By the Senate, February 1st, 1827.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message of the 29th ultimo, stating that you had rejected the bill entitled, an act to repeal an act entitled, an act to repeal certain acts of assembly relative to amerciaments, and to lay a tax on plaintiffs, who may institute suits at law, believing the same to be a money bill, which the constitution requires should originate in your house.

While the bill was pending before us, the suggestion was made, that it was a money bill, but on due consideration we thought otherwise.—We conceive the true meaning of the constitution to be, that the house of delegates may originate all money bills, applies exclusively to raising a revenue for the support of government or the current expenses of the year, and not to a contingent revenue, derived from litigant parties, in the courts of common law. The amerciament laws proposed to be revived by our bill, has never been considered in any other light, than imposing fines on certain persons, in courts of law, for prosecuting groundless suits, or for improperly resisting just demands, and from no construction of the constitution, can be reviewed as money bills.

We hope, on re-consideration, your honourable body will concur with us, and pass the bill we heretofore sent you.

Mr. Forrest, from the committee to whom was referred, the bill for the relief of Margaret Johns Key, reported the same, with the following amendment, viz.—after the word “property,” in the 13th line, insert the following “and to complete and perform any contract for the purchase of property, heretofore entered into, by the trustees appointed by the will aforesaid.”

Which amendment was read, and assented to. The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

The senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.