

Mr. Kennedy moved to amend the bill by adding as an additional section the following viz: "Section 2. And be it enacted, that if any person shall be convicted a second time of the aforesaid crime, such person shall be sentenced to undergo confinement in the Penitentiary for a period not less than ten nor more than twenty years." Which amendment was read and assented to.

The question was then put. "Shall the bill as amended be engrossed for a third reading?" Determined in the affirmative.

The President laid before the senate a communication from Singleton Duvall Esq. the State's agent for the Western Shore, enclosing an annual report of his proceedings, which was read and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sewell offered the following message which was read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

By the Senate January 21, 1828.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message informing the senate, that your honorable body, had appointed a committee, to act in conjunction with such gentlemen as may be named by the senate, as a committee of both houses for the purpose of comparing and examining the engrossed bills. In accordance therewith, the senate have appointed Messrs. Whately, Rees, Dennis, Harrison and Sewell, as a committee on their part for the object expressed in your message.

By order,

Wm. Kilty, Clerk.

Mr. Heath from the committee reported a bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Lauvale Manufacturing company which was read the first time.

Mr. Forrest from the committee made a favourable report upon the bill to make valid a certain deed of manumission.

The said bill was then read a second time and re-committed, and the committee enlarged by the addition of Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Nelson.

Mr. Nelson from the committee reported a bill, entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to change the name of the Bank of Westminster and office of Pay and Receipt, to the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Frederick county, and to locate said Bank at Frederick city, with a branch at Westminster, which was read the first time.