

capitalists; and thus all the advantages to the Eastern Shore, of perhaps the only great public work of which it is susceptible, may be lost forever. It would be better to have no charter than one which might be so greatly abused, or than one the character of which might cause it to lie dormant forever.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message,

By the House of Delegates,
February 29th, 1836.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose with the concurrence of your honorable body the appointment of a joint committee to enquire and report upon the expediency of abolishing the office of Chancellor, and the High Court of Chancery. We propose further, that the said committee be instructed to examine the records of the said court, and report whether and in what manner Theodorick Bland, Chancellor of Maryland, has rendered obedience to the law requiring him to file in writing in all causes in the Court of Chancery, his opinions for or in respect of any final decree or decretal order passed in said court, upon argument, oral or in writing on the part of the parties in such causes. Whether he has in any case disregarded the decisions, or any of the decisions of the Court of Appeals. And whether he has in any case abused the power with which he is clothed, and been guilty of any official misbehaviour. We further propose, that the committee have power to send for persons and papers, and report by bill or otherwise. We have named Messrs. Dulaney, Spence, Long, Mathews and Brown, as the committee on the part of this house to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honorable body.

By order,

G. G. Brewer, Clk.

Also the following bills:

A bill entitled, a supplement to the act passed at December session 1834, entitled, an act for the building a bridge over the Great Falls of the Gunpowder at Monkton Mills in Baltimore county,

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Mayer, Morris and Wootton.

A bill entitled, a further additional supplement to the act entitled, an act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances and securing the estates of purchasers,