

have been in, had these amendments been inserted in the original bill, for in that case the bill itself would be rejected, a result not desired by your honourable body. Added to all which your honourable body has not thought fit to put the senate in possession of the amendments contemplated, so that we might consider of their propriety.

By order

L. Gassaway, Clk.

Mr. Ely reported a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the relief of insolvent debtors from imprisonment for costs in certain cases; which was read the first, and by special order the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Hunt from the committee, made a favourable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled, An act to incorporate the president and directors of the Baltimore Water Company, passed at November session 1828, chapter 79.

The said bill was then read the first, and by special order the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

Mr. Nicholas from the committee on internal improvement, made a favourable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled, An act to promote internal improvement, by the construction of a rail road from Baltimore to the city of Washington; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, the house agreed to give said bill a second reading by special order.

On motion by Mr. Steele, the house was called, and the absent members sent for.

On motion by Mr. Hicks, the house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the door-keeper.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following message; which was twice read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

By the House of Delegates,
February 19, 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message proposing Saturday the 26th inst. as the day of final adjournment.

With regard to the number of bills and resolutions which are stated to have been sent up within the last four days, without seeking to be precise as to the number, we feel persuaded, that in the history of the legislature of Maryland similar occurrences have not been unusual; and further, that upon comparison it will be found that at no former session