

Welch, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Williams, Hodson, McCullough, Miller, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, George, Wright, Dirickson, Hearn, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Brent, of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, Harbine, Davis, Kilgour, Brewer, Waters, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke, Ege, Shower, Cockey and Brown—62.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Dorsey, Wells, Sellman, Goldsborough, Phelps and Gwinn—6.

So the fourth and last branch of said amendment was adopted.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Spencer, on yesterday for the amendment offered by Mr. Dorsey, and in lieu of the 16th section.

Mr. Dorsey withdrew his amendment and substituted in place of it the following :

“Section 16. The style of all laws shall be: “Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland. The Legislature of Maryland, shall at its next session, if then practicable, if not, as soon thereafter as it can be done, contract with two learned jurists of this State, distinguished, as well for their industry as professional ability, to codify or digest and abridge the public acts of Assembly then in force, and every ten years thereafter, an additional code or digest, shall, in like manner, be made of all public acts of the Legislature passed subsequently to those embraced in preceding codes or digests, and no act of Assembly shall include in its enactments subjects unconnected with each other, and forming fit subjects for distinct and independent legislation: and the title of every bill shall indicate the nature of its enactments, and no law or any section thereof, shall be continued, revived, amended or repealed by reference to its title only, or the number of the section;”

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

The amendment offered by Mr. Schley, and adopted as a part of the 16th section was amended by inserting in the 2nd line after the word “Commissioners,” the words “not exceeding three,” also by inserting the same words after the word “Commissioners,” in the 4th line;

On motion of Mr. Schley,

Said section was further amended by inserting between the words “the,” and “statutes,” the words “public general,” wherever it occurs in said section;

On motion of Mr. Dent,

Said section was further amended by inserting after the word “State;” in the 7th line, the following :

“And also to simplify and abridge the forms of conveyancing, now in use in this State;”