

Mr. Comegys has leave of absence.

Mr. Little, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of John S. Smith, George Smith and Henry Stouffer, of the city of Baltimore, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the memorialists have leave to withdraw their memorial. All which is submitted.

By order, J. S. SKINNER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and concurred with.

The following message was read.

By the HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 22, 1866.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

WE propose to proceed immediately to the election of two directors on the part of this state in the Farmers Bank of Maryland. — are put in nomination by this house. Mr. — and Mr. — are appointed by the house of delegates to join the gentlemen to be appointed by you in the examination of the ballots; and to regulate the manner of said election we have adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the two directors to be appointed on the part of this state in the Farmers Bank of Maryland, be elected by ballot, one of whom shall be a resident of the city of Annapolis or of Anne-Arundel county, upon the western shore, and the other a resident of the town of Easton or Talbot county, upon the eastern shore; and that the person resident on the western shore as aforesaid, having a majority of ballots of all the attending members of both branches of the legislature, shall be a director of the Farmers Bank of Maryland, and the person resident on the eastern shore, having the majority of ballots of all the attending members of both branches of the legislature, shall be a director of the Branch Bank of said Farmers Bank of Maryland; and the persons having a majority of ballots as aforesaid shall be declared duly elected as aforesaid.

By order, J. BREWER, clk.

A petition from the congregation of Salem's church, in Washington county, praying that part of the land belonging to said church may be sold for the benefit thereof, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bowles, Mr. Schnebly and Mr. Winder, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ferwood, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open an old road in Harford county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Merriken, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent persons from retailing spirituous liquors within a certain distance of any place of religious worship, except as is therein excepted, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following order was read and agreed to.

ORDERED, That a committee be appointed, and with directions to lay before this house, with all convenient dispatch, the most eligible plan for the disposal or appropriation of the surplus money now in the treasury, or that may come into it during the next year.

ORDERED, That Mr. Bruce, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Winder, Mr. Little, Mr. Bowles, Mr. Belt and Mr. Harryman, be a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Beall, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act for the more effectual collection of the county charges in Allegany county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill relating to the equity jurisdiction of the several county courts of this state; on motion, the question was put, That the house reconsider the first clause thereof? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the words "where the matter or thing in dispute shall not exceed the sum of — dollars current money or — pounds of tobacco," be inserted after the word "cases?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the first blank therein be filled up with the words "two thousand?" Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on "fifteen hundred." Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was then put, That the further consideration of the said bill be referred to the next general assembly? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	W. H. Brown,	Blake,	Parnham,	Harryman,	Callis,	Dashiell,	Street,	Bowles,
	Gardiner,	Emerson,	M. Hetherton,	King,	Woodward,	Hawkins,	Davis,	Schnebly,
	Blakistone,	Reynolds,	Little,	Frazier,	Shaaff,	Waters,	Bayard,	Carroll,
	Belt,	P. Stuart,	M. Brown,	Dennis,	Muir,	Kuhn,	Turpin,	Bruce.
	Merriken,	Chapman,						34.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Frisby,	Denny,	Snoof,	Moffit,	J. Brown,	Street,	Jump,	Briscoe,
	Pearce,	Martin,	Ward,	Mitchell,	Sturgis,	Forwood,	Watts,	Beall,
	Kerr,	Winder,	Cox,	Sudler,	Bishop,	Bond,	Selby,	Rizer.
	Dickinson,	Jackson,	Porter,	Downes,	Biggs,	Keene,	Darne,	35.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following order was read.