

late to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, so that the senate may be elected immediately by the people; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Bowie, Tilghman and Miller.

Also a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Bowie, Cockey and Orrell.

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

BY THE SENATE, Feb, 14, 1825.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing to close the session on Friday, the 25th inst and concur therein.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

The senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Claude in the chair, on the bill to prevent the practice of habitual drunkenness. And after some time the committee rose, and reported the bill with sundry amendments; which were read and assented to. The bill was then read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 15, 1825.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. On motion, Ordered, That the senate proceed at 12 o'clock to-morrow to the election of a bank director on the part of the state in the Bank of Baltimore.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a resolution in favour of Daniel Schnebly, of Washington county, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Chambers, Bowie, Miller, Thomas and Kent.

Also a bill, entitled, An act to make sale and dispose of the poor's house and public lands thereto belonging in Talbot county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Dickinson, Bowie and Quinton. Also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the heirs at law of Lawrence O'Neale, late of Montgomery county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Tilghman, Miller and Kent. Also a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish pilots and regulate their fees, passed by the general assembly of Maryland at their November session eighteen hundred and three; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Scott, Bowie and Quinton. Also a bill to authorise the trustees of the poor for Montgomery county to purchase a piece of land adjoining the poor's house in said county; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Chambers, Scott and Cockey. Also a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Saint Mary's county to levy a sum of money on said county for purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Kent, Miller and Tilghman. Also a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act for the better regulation of the militia of the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Scott, Tilghman and Miller.

The bill to restrain the practice of habitual drunkenness, was read a third time by special order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

The bill to alter the 37th article of the constitution and form of government of this state, was read a second time and the question was put, "Shall the bill be engrossed for a third reading?" Determined in the negative.

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the benefit of Joseph Phillips of Cecil county, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass. The bill was then read a second time and laid on the table.

Mr. Chambers from the committee to whom was referred the bill to authorise the trustees of the poor for Montgomery county, to purchase a piece of land adjoining the poor's house in said county, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendment, viz. Add to the bill the following words: "money, if the said trustees shall have paid the same, or if the said trustees shall not have paid the same, then to be paid to the person from whom the said land shall have been purchased." Which amendment was read and assented to.

The bill was then read a second time and laid on the table.

The senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 16, 1825.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The bill to authorise the trustees of the poor for Montgomery county to purchase a piece of land adjoining the poor's house in said county, was read a third time, passed with the proposed amendment, and returned to the house of delegates.

The resolution relative to arms, was read a second time and laid on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message; which was read

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 15, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Much inconvenience having resulted from the delay that usually attends the publication of the laws of the state, we propose, with your concurrence, that the committee of claims be instructed forthwith to contract for the printing of the laws, as passed, of a public or general nature, and delivered as soon as practicable to the clerks of the several counties of this state.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Also a resolution relative to licenses to wholesale merchants, which was read the first time and laid on the table. Also a resolution relative to the contemplated road from Washington to New Orleans; which was first read the time and laid on the table. Also a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to justices of the peace in the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and referred to