On motion of Mr. Cochran,

These petitions, together with those praying the re-chartering of the Farmers' Bank and the Commercial Bank, were referred to the committee on the paper-currency.

Mr. Crow presented a petition of 77 citizens of Kent and Sussex counties, praying the legislature to pass a law to prevent the location of general or *flying* warrants from the the land office; which petition, was—

On motion of Mr. Crow,

Read and—

Referred to a committee of three members.

Messrs. Crow, Cullen and Booth, were appointed.

On motion of Mr. Crow,

The resolution for appointing a committee to examine the books and papers of the auditor's office, and for other purposes, was—

Adopted.

Messrs. Crow, Mitchell and Smith, were appointed as the said committee.

The bill entitled "An act for the payment of certain commissioners therein named," was taken up for the second reading, by special order, for the purpose of passing:

And the first section being under consideration, Mr. Crow proposed the following clause to be added as an amendment thereto; to wit:

"To be assessed, levied and collected, as other public taxes in this State, on the owners and possessors of the Black-bird marshes,"

The question was put on this amendment, and—

Decided in the negative.

The question was then taken—"Shall that be the first section of the bill?" and—

Unanimously decided in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be returned to the Senate, with information thereof.

The bill entitled "An act to authorize the administrator de bonis non of John Mitchell, deceased, to convey to James Dirrickson, of the county of Sussex, physician, two lots of land, with the appurtenances," was read the third time, by paragraphs and—

Passed the House.

Ordered, That it be returned to the Senate.

Mr. Allee, clerk of the Senate, delivered for concurrence—

A bill entitled "An act to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery within this State."

On motion of Mr. Polk,

The said bill was read.

The speaker laid before the house a statement of the branch of the Commercial Bank at Milford, made and submitted in pursuance of the resolutions of the 11th instant.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The said statement was read

It is as follows:

Statement of the funds of the Commercial Bank of Delaware, at Milford, shewing the situation of said Bank the 16th January, 1819.

Amount due on bonds, notes and bills discounted, all considered solvent		161895 90
Amount in specie on hand		7771 03
Amount on hand in notes of other banks, per schedule annexed		1483 29½
Amount due from the Bank of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia	2204 54	
Amount due from the Bank of Caroline, Denton, Maryland	786 38½	2990 92½
Amount overdrawn by individuals having accounts, *good*		1 56

Amount paid for contingent expenses, since last dividend		43 35
Amount of capital stock, all of which is paid in		100000 00
Amount of notes in circulation not bearing interest		37349 81
Amount due to P. Bank at Smyrna, (on which interest is not allowed,)	31941 13	
Amount due to Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, at Georgetown, not on interest	35 45	
Amount due to Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, at Dover	6 12	31982 70
Amount of clear profits since last dividend		2110 41
Amount due to depositors, including undrawn dividends		2743 13

The prime cost of the banking-house, with appurtenances, at Milford, amounting to about five thousand two hundred dollars, is not exhibited as an item in the above statement on *oath*, the whole having been paid for from the surplus profits of the institution:—the present value in specie cannot be stated, because there have been no sales of property in the place for specie, from which to form any judgment——S 5200.

The above is a true statement from the books of this Bank, exhibiting the items called for by certain resolutions adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met—as far as this institution is concerned; which, with the annexed schedule, is respectfully submitted.

LEONARD ADKINS, *Cashier.*

Milford, January 19, 1819.

The Farmers' Bank of Maryland, branch at Easton		10 85
Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Delaware		520 00
Farmers' Bank of Somerset and Worcester, Maryland		20 00
Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, notes and check		82 00
Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, branch at Georgetown		98 22
Amount carried forward,		S 731 07

Amount brought forward,		S 731 07
The Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, branch at Wilmington		112 00
Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, branch at Newcastle		26 00
Bank of Delaware		10 00
Marine Bank of Baltimore	51 00	
Mechanics' Bank of Baltimore	15 00	
Bank of Maryland, Baltimore	10 00	
Union Bank of Baltimore	21 12½	
Franklin Bank of Baltimore	6 00½	
City Bank of Baltimore	1 00	104 18½
Bank of North America	50 00	
Bank of Pennsylvania	25 00	
Philadelphia Bank	23 06¼	
Bank of Northern Liberties	15 00	
Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Philadelphia	15 00	
Stephen Girard's Bank	15 00	
The Commercial Bank of Pennsylvania	10 00	
Mechanics' Bank of the City and county of Philadelphia	10 00	
Schuylkill Bank	1 00	164 06¼
State Bank at Camden, New-Jersey		33 00
Mechanics' Bank, in the City of New-York	100 00	
Amount carried forward,	100 00	1180 32

Amount brought forward,	100 00	1180 88
The Bank of New-York	2 00	
Phœnix Bank, New-York	12 00	
Union Bank, in New-York	10 00	124 00
Bank of Washington	9 00	
Patriotic Bank of Washington	3 00	
Central Bank of Georgetown and Washington	1 00	
Union Bank of Georgetown	10 00	
Bank of Potomac	10 00	
Union Bank of Alexandria	1 00	
Franklin Bank of Alexandria	2 00	
Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria	30 00	65 00
Hagers-town Bank		1 00
Bank of the Valley, in Virginia		5 00
Bank of Caroline in Maryland		9 33
Commercial Bank of Delaware		98 62½
One Counterfeit note		10 00
		$1483 29½

Kent County, ss.
State of Delaware,

Personally came before me the subscriber, one of the justices of the peace in and for said county, Leonard Adkins, Cashier of the Commercial Bank of Delaware, at Milford, and made oath, that the within statement is just and true to the best of his knowledge, this 20th day of January, 1819.

ELIAS SHOCKLEY.

The bill entitled "An act to enable Eliza Bradley and John Carey to convey the real estate of Joshua Bradley, deceased," was read the second time,

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Eodem Die, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The House assembled agreeably to adjournment.

Mr. Allee, clerk of the Senate, returned—

The bill entitled "An act for the more speedy publication of the laws," in which the Senate had concurred.

And he delivered for concurrence—

A bill entitled "An act to survey, lay out and regulate the streets of the village of Milton."

On motion of Mr. Polk,

The said bill was read.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of sundry citizens of Duck-creek hundred, praying an act for taxing female dogs, otherwise called bitches: which petition—

On motion of Mr. Bates,

Was read—

And referred to a committee of three members.

Messrs. Bates, Jenkins and Cummins were appointed.

Mr. Cummins laid upon the table a report of the auditor of accounts respecting the stock belonging to the State and the school-fund, respectively, made and submitted in pursuance of the resolution adopted by this house on the 22d instant.

The bill entitled "A supplement to an act entitled An act to incorporate the members of the Library Company of Wilmington," was read the third time, by paragraphs, and—

Passed the House.

Mr. Allee, clerk of the Senate, delivered for concurrence—

A bill entitled "An act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of State."

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The said bill was read.

The bill entitled "A supplement to the act entitled An act to prevent hogs or swine running at large within the limits therein mentioned, in Duck-creek hundred, in Kent county," was read the second time.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSADY, A. M., 28 *January*, 1819.

The House assembled agreeably to adjourument.

The speaker laid before the house a statement of the situation of the Bank of Wilmington and Brandywine, accompanied by a letter from John Way president of the institution, acknowledging the receipt of the resolutions of the 11th *instant*, by the cashier, and alleging that the directors had instructed him to state "that after the most attentive examination of the charter, they find it deficient in any clause whereby they can recognize the right of the legislature to make a demand of this nature."

On motion of Mr. Cummins,

The said statement and letter were read.

They were as follows:

Bank of Wilmington and Brandywine, January 26th, 1816.

The speaker of the House of Representatives:

The cashier has received a communication from the clerk of the House of Representatives, requiring him to furnish certain information with respect to the situation of this institution.

Being an officer bound to secrecy by the laws of the stockholders, he has handed to the board of directors your resolutions, and they have instructed me to

state, that after the most attentive examination of the charter, they find it deficient in any provision whereby they can recognize the right of the legislature to make a demand of this nature.

Anxious, however, to give all the respect due to so high authority, they have instructed me to forward the following statement, which, we flatter ourselves, will satisfy the legislature that every possible effort has been made by this institution to contract its affairs within as narrow a compass as possible, consistent with the interest of individuals and the embarrassed state of society.

Accept my respects.

JOHN WAY.

Amount of notes in circulation:	
1817, August 21	329,452 00
1819, January 16	79,856 00
Reduction of notes in circulation	249,596 00
Amount of bills and notes discounted outstanding:	
1817, August 21	374,381 10
1819, January 16	219,054 68
Reduction of notes discounted outstanding	155,326 42
Amount of bonds and mortgages unpaid:	
1817, August 21	36,603 94
1819, January 16	48,235 16
Increase of bonds and mortgages	11,631 22
Real estate:	
1817, August 21	14,300 00
1819, January 16	17,200 00
Specie:	
1817, August 21	16,090 61
1819, January 16	4,223 69

Deposits:

1817, August 21	16,984 86
1819, January 16	44,625 20
Increase of deposits	27,640 34

Debts due to the bank from other banks:

1817, August 21	53,202 22
1819, January 16	1,217 00

Debts due to other banks:

1817, August 21	13,436 00
1819, January 16	29,828 55

Amount of stock held:

1817, August 21	14,103 00
1819, January 16	12,320 00

Drafts and checks on hand:

1817, August 21	14,334 40
1819, January 16	8,100 09

Surplus profits:

1817, August 21	47,387 13
1819, January 16	60,000 00

The speaker also laid before the house, a statement of the situation of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Delaware; which—

On motion of Mr. Boone,

Was read.

It is as follows:

The honourable speaker of the House of Representatives:

The president and directors of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Delaware, not recognizing any right on the part of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, to call for a statement of the debts, effects and credits, in the manner and form such statement has been called for by the resolutions of the General Assembly of the 11th of January 1819, or otherwise, and considering moreover that the making the developement required by the specifications contained in those resolutions, would be a breach of trust on the part of the president and directors, and a violation of the provisions of the by-laws of the institution enacted by the stockholders, and in subordination to which the president and directors are bound by their oaths and affirmations to act, and that the cashier being under a similar obligation imposed by those by-laws not to disclose any of the transactions of the Bank, is precluded from verifying in the manner required any statement that may be called for—

Make the following statement for their information and the people to whose sentiments and wishes the president and directors would desire, as much as possible, to conform themselves and satisfy.

April 17th, 1819, to January 14th, 1819,

Notes in circulation	39,932 00
Reduction of notes in circulation	36,801 00
Amount of notes and bonds discounted	66,532 21
Reduction of notes and bonds discounted	18,187 65
Amount of notes paid in specie and par paper	———
Amount of notes paid by curtailment	18,187 65
Deposits	2,400 88½
Reduction of deposits	335 77½
Debts to banks	14,731 25
Reduction of debts to banks	8,203 75
Total reduction of notes and debts	45,340 52

The speaker likewise laid before the house a memorial of Isaac Gibbs, protesting against the representations of the petition presented to this General Assembly, respecting the distresses of the people, so fas as they affected the character of the banks; the said Isaac Gibbs having been chairman of the meeting from which the said petition emanated.

On motion of Mr. Whiteley,

The said report was read; and it was—

Ordered, to lie on the table.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, A. M., 23 *January*, 1819.

The House assembled agreeably to adjournment.

The speaker presented a statement of the situation of the Bank of Delaware made and submitted in pursuance of the resolutions adopted on the eleventh instant, accompanied by remarks of the board of directors; which statement and remarks—

On motion of Mr. Brinckle,

Were read.

They are as follows:

A statement shewing the situation of the Bank of Delaware, on Saturday the 16th day of January, 1819, made in conformity to resolutions of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, passed at Dover, the 11th day of the same month.

CREDITOR.

Amount due to the Bank of Delaware:

In notes of persons resident in the State of Delaware	133,319 24	
In notes payable in Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York, within 60 days	75,993 86	
In bonds, mortgages &c.	75,008 94	
Amount carried forward,		284,452 04

Amount brought forward		284,452 04
In interest on bonds, due and not paid	2,023 26	
		286,375 30

Of which $ 12,335 95 is supposed to be desperate and not likely to be recovered.

Prime cost of real estate, viz.:

150,000 acres of Virginia lands	19,345 00	
Three story brick house on front street, and lot	3,600 00	
Banking-house and lot	25,384 06	
		48,329 06

Nominal amount of stock, viz.:

United States, six per cent	1,285 26	
Gap and Newport turnpike	10,000 00	
		11,285 26

Amount on hand of notes of other banks, viz.:

Banks in the State of Pennsylvania, per schedule no. 1.	6,213 95	
Banks in the States of New-York and New-Jersey, per schedule no. 2.	761 00	
Banks in the State of Delaware, per schedule no. 3.	767 00	
Banks in the State of Maryland and district of Columbia, per schedule no. 4.	5,257 00	
Amount of specie on hand	27,268 87	
		40,267 82

Amount due from other banks, viz:

Farmers' and Mechanic's Bank of Philadelphia	6,238 26	
Philadelphia Bank	4,968 85	
Amount carried forward,	11,207 11	

Amount brought forward,		11,207 11	
Mechanic's Bank of Philadelphia		3,337 35	
Bank of the United States		3 31	
Mechanic's Bank of Baltimore		971 33	
Union Bank of Alexandria		14 21	
Commercial Bank of Delaware		31 54	
Elkton Bank of Maryland, on interest	247 25		
Interest on ditto from August 1st, 1818	4 93—	252 18	15,817 03
Aggregate amount overdrawn by individuals			219 65

Of which $ 92 04 is supposed to be desperate and not likely to be recovered.

DEBTOR.

Amount of capital stock, all paid in, comprised in 550 shares, of which 493 shares are held by individuals, and 57 by the State of Delaware			110,000 00
Amount of discount since the last dividend		3,370 00	
From which deduct:			
Amount paid officers' salaries	630 00		
Amount paid contingent expenses	76 44		
Amount paid interest	69 82—	796 26	2,573 74
Amount of surplus profits over and above all dividends declared, and exclusive of profits since last dividend			83,241 70
Amount of notes in circulation			160,118 00
Amount carried forward,			245,933 44

Amount brought forward,	245,933 44
Amount due to other banks' viz.:	
Bank of Pennsylvania on interest, and the interest paid to the first of January, 1819	6,541 92
Amount of deposits undrawn	37,790 55
Amount of counterfeit notes, bills or specie not charged to profit and loss, prior to last dividend	*none.*

Note. The Virginia lands were taken for a bad debt, and it is expected that little or nothing will ever be realized for them, and it is difficult to form any judgment what the rest of the real estate and turnpike stock would sell for in specie.

If the two sums above stated for interest due and unpaid are deducted, the above statement will balance.

The annual profits to the State, arising from the Bank of Delaware are:

Amount of dividends on 57 shares	$ 1,140 00
Amount of tax on capital	550 00
	$ 1,690 00

EDWARD WORRELL, Cashier.

Bank of Delaware, January 21st, 1819.

I, Edward Worrell, cashier of the Bank of Delaware, do solemnly and truly declare and affirm, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the within statement exhibits the true situation of the said bank, on the sixteenth day of January, 1819, inclusive.

EDWARD WORRELL.

Affirmed and subscribed as above, before

EDWARD ROCHE, J. P.

January 21, 1819.

Schedule (No. 1) of notes of other Banks on hand at the Bank of Delaware, January 16th, 1819; to wit:

Bank of the United States	3,431 95
Bank of Pennsylvania	629 00
Bank of North America	159 00
Philadelphia Bank	147 00
Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank	280 00
Mechanics' Bank	291 00
Schuylkill Bank	89 00
Bank of Northern Liberties	98 00
Stephen Girard's Bank	305 00
Commercial Bank of Pennsylvania	87 00
Bank of Delaware county	164 00
Bank of Chester county	178 00
Bank of Germantown	35 00
Bank of Montgomery county	10 00
Northampton Bank	10 00
	6,213 95

Schedule (No. 2) of notes of other Banks on hand at the Bank of Delaware, January 16th, 1819; to wit:

State Bank at Camden, New-Jersey	707 00
State Bank at New-Brunswick, New-Jersey	3 00
Cumberland Bank, New-Jersey	1 00
Amount carried forward,	711 00

Amount brought forward,	711 00
Branch Bank United States, New-York	20 00
City Bank, New-York	10 00
Bank of America, New-York	10 00
Phœnix Bank, New-York	3 00
Mechanics' Bank, New-York	1 00
Franklin Bank, New-York	1 00
Merchants' Bank, New-York	5 00
	761 00

Schedule (No. 3) of notes of other Banks on hand at the Bank of Delaware, January 16th, 1819; to wit:

Farmers' Bank at Wilmington	491 00
Farmers' Bank at Dover	192 00
Farmers' Bank at Newcastle	56 00
Farmers' Bank at Georgetown	25 00
Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank at Laurel	3 00
	767 00

Schedule (No. 4) of notes of other Banks on hand at the Bank of Delaware, January 16th, 1819; to wit:

Branch Bank United States at Baltimore	1,080 00
Mechanics' Bank of Baltimore	1,060 00
City Bank of Baltimore	834 00
Amount carried forward,	2,974 00

Amount brought forward,	2,074 00
Franklin Bank of Baltimore	609 00
Bank of Baltimore	452 00
Bank of Maryland, Baltimore	313 00
Commercial and Farmers' Bank, Baltimore	322 00
Union Bank of Maryland, Baltimore	342 00
Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, Baltimore	114 00
Marine Bank of Baltimore	52 00
Farmers' Bank of Maryland	25 00
Bank of Columbia, District of Columbia	20 00
Bank of Washington, District of Columbia	4 00
	5,257 00

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware:

The president and directors of the Bank of Delaware respectfully represent,

That they have cheerfully complied with the requisition of the legislature, except in affixing a specie value to the real estate and turnpike stock owned by the Bank, which in the existing state of things, it would be exceedingly difficult to come at, with any precision: and in laying before your honourable body the report herewith enclosed, they beg leave to observe:—that in the government of the institution confided to them, there has never been a division at the board, on the question of maintaining the paper of the Bank, a par paper in Philadelphia. Acting on this opinion, as soon as the Banks in the city resumed specie payments, early measures were taken, in concert with some other Banks of this State, to follow the example. The difficulties we have had to encounter in this course need not be pointed out; as they must be well known to many of your honourable body.

Acting however on the ground which we considered to be right, it was deemed proper to bring into active operation all the resources of the Bank, believing, at the same time that we kept in view the interest of the stockholders, our duties required us as far as practicable, to extend accommodation to the public, and satisfied our specie capital was larger that there was any occasion for, we parted with a considerable sum, on terms very advantageous to the institution: stipulating at the same time for its return, if demanded any time within twelve months.

Experience has satisfied us we acted correctly in this course; it enabled us to commence an active business on real paper; the want of which accommodation, would have materially added to the general pressure: and though our specie may appear less than had been anticipated, it is to be observed, that a large proportion of the paper in circulation, has arisen, from discounting notes payable in Philadelphia within sixty days; and hence a means is provided for redeeming the portion of our notes which centre in the Banks of that city.

We may be further allowed to remark, that when we resumed the payment of specie, we had large balances against us in several of the city Banks:—these have been gradually lessening, and we now confidently look forward to their entire extinction at no distant period.

In submitting a candid statement of our situation, accompanied by these remarks, we disavow any intention of either arrogating merit to ourselves, or of reflecting on those Banks who have thought it right to take a different course. We have honestly pursued such measures as we conceived most conducive to the public good, as well as to the reputation and best interests of the institution; and as the State has a considerable amount of stock in it, we hope they have been such as will meet your approbation.

By order of the Board of Directors.

JOSEPH BAILEY, *President.*

Bank of Delaware, January 21, 1819.

The bill entitled "An act for regulating the construction and use of wears in St. Jones's creek," was read the third time, by paragraphs, and—

Passed the House.

Ordered, That it be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Alice, clerk of the Senate, delivered, for the concurrence of this house—

A bill entitled "An act to authorize the administrator de bonis non of John Mitchell, deceased, to convey to James Dirickson, of the county of Sussex, two lots of land, with the appurtenances."

On motion of Mr. Boone,

The said bill was read.

The bill entitled "An act to authorize Richard Lawrence to remove a certain