

by a motion to refer it to the next General Assembly -
The bills changing the mode of electing the Governor and Senate
have neither been acted on, though it would appear from
a speech published by Mr. Berry, that the latter bill had been before
the house - that speech was delivered on the bill to increase the
Baltimore Delegation - Two of the City banks bills have passed
the house of Delegates - The Magistrate Court bill passed the
Senate on Tuesday, with several small amendments, they had at
one time struck out the 8th section which gives to the Court
jurisdiction over apantly batteries, but upon a reconsideration
it was reinstated, with a proviso, that the Court shall not have
jurisdiction over such cases if the state attorney shall dissent
unless the three judges shall determine unanimously, to do so
notwithstanding such dissent - the bill has not been returned
to the house - This is the day assigned to hear the argu-
ment of Counsel on the indemnity question, and I suppose
nothing else will be done this week - Mr. Taney was one of
the Counsel employed, but he has been put on the bench of
the U. S. Court, and will not now engage in the argument -
I have sent you by mail the bill reported by Mr. Long regu-
lating the manner of electing Clerks and Registers, by

which you will see the change that is proposed to be made,
it goes rather further than I had supposed - Isaac Mason
account has been allowed by the Committee on Claims, it will
be necessary for me to have an order to receive the money
If in either case on the Chancery docket where I
am the trustee, the purchaser should wish to make
payment in my absence you will be good enough to
receive the money for me - the 2^d installment on the ~~bond~~
of Duth was due the 8th of this month - and the 1st installment
on the ~~case~~ ^{bonds} of Dunbracco & Chambers will be due the 21st
The passage of the Magistrate Court bill makes the Enquiry
necessary as to who is proper and suitable persons to be appointed
you will confer with Judge Foster friends on this subject &
the persons most fit - particularly so far as concerns Centerville
district - Let me hear from you soon - Excuse haste -
Say to my family that I am well - Believe me to be with sentiments
of high Esteem & respect yours
John Palmer
ask D. Edsall brought what I shall do with his account of
Mrs. Williams - she has not paid it though I have frequently
called on her for it -