

sert "two." In the 1st line of the 2d page strike out the words "at the expence of the county." After the word "place" in the 11th line of the same page insert "and the expences of surveying, laying out and opening, said roads, and the amount of valuation, shall have been paid by the parties therein interested." In the 1st line of the 3d page strike out from the word "pass" to the word "provided" in the 2d line of the same page. Strike out the last clause of the bill.

The bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Prince-George's county to lay off a road in said county, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to make valid a certificate of land therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to vest certain powers in the corporation of George-town, in Montgomery county, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 9th line of the 1st page, after the word "junior" insert the words "Daniel Powell Cox." In the last line of the 2d page strike out the words "John Chalmers." In the first line of the 3d page strike out the words "James Kerr" and insert "William Delafere." Strike out from the beginning of the last line of the 21st page to the end of the clause. Strike out from the beginning of the 7th line of the 23d page to the end of the clause.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 2, 1800.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have passed the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, with certain amendments, to which we hope you will accede.

The senate are of opinion, that if its provisions were extended to all persons who might think proper to apply to the chancellor within three years, the most mischievous consequences would ensue. The facility with which acts of insolvency have already been obtained, has operated but too powerfully in inducing habits of dissipation, extravagance, and idle speculation. To increase that facility must inevitably add to those evils so ruinous to the morals of our citizens, and so destructive to public honour and individual confidence.

The different descriptions of characters embraced in our insolvent laws have produced provisions equally inconsistent with the principles that ought to pervade either a bankrupt or an insolvent law, if the subjects were taken up separately. A law framed under such circumstances ought not surely to have continuance beyond that immediate necessity which induces its passage.

The senate expect that a general bankrupt law will pass during the present session of congress. If this takes place, it will remove from our view those applications which most deserve to engage our feelings and attention; and when we are left to act solely upon *insolvents*, it is hoped by the senate, that the legislature will organize a system more calculated to improve the morals of the people, and to secure private rights, than what has prevailed for some years.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The resolution respecting the treasurer of the western shore was read the second time by especial order and dissented from.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 2, 1800.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are apprehensive, that as your resolution of this day respecting the treasurer of the western shore is worded, there may not be a sufficiency of specie left in the treasury to answer all the instalments as they become due, appropriated by an act of the present session to the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal company; we have dissented from the said resolution, but will assent to it, provided that the payment of the five months pay due the officers and soldiers, and the sum due for services on board of the barges, and the redemption of the emissions of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and the certificates issued by this state, amounting in the whole to nine thousand two hundred and twenty-six pounds nine shillings and eleven-pence, be suspended until the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and one, and that the treasurer of the western shore be thereby authorized to sell as much stock belonging to this state as may be sufficient to pay any instalment, for the payment of which there may not be specie enough in the treasury without such sale of such stock as aforesaid.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 31, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 2, 1800: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act for the direction of surveyors in the executing warrants of escheat in certain cases, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 27, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 2, 1800: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill,