

assembly, in writing, the answers and advices he may receive from all, or any of the persons aforesaid, during its recess, and to lay before it a statement of the suit or suits now depending, or hereafter to be instituted, in the court of chancery, with the parties thereto.

The committee, in closing this report, think proper to express their opinion, that the state has been thus long kept out of its money from the want of an active intelligent agent on the spot, conversant with the practice of the court of chancery, to take care of its interest, and to urge the counsel to revive and prosecute the suit in the high court of chancery of England to a final hearing and decree.

Which was read.

The president communicates to the senate the petition of the president and directors of the Patowmack company, praying that they may be enabled to contract the locks at the Great falls to a space not less than fourteen feet; which was read, and referred to the honourable William H. Dorsey and Uriah Forrest, Esquires, to prepare and bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer thereof.

The honourable James Hollyday, Esquire, to whom was committed the bill entitled, An act to allow further time for collecting the balances due to Thomas O'Bryon, late sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, deceased, reports the following amendments: In the 1st line of the second page strike out figure "1st" and insert the word "first." In the same line strike out the figures "1798" and insert in lieu thereof the words "seventeen hundred and ninety-eight." In the 3d line of the second page strike out the figures "1793" and the figures "1794," and insert the words "seventeen hundred and ninety-three," and the words "seventeen hundred and ninety-four." In the 4th line of the 2d page strike out the word "deputised," and insert in lieu thereof the word "deputed." In the 6th line of the 2d page strike out the word "ten," and insert in lieu thereof the word "thirty." In the 10th line of the second page, after the word "due" insert "and the said securities, or a majority of them, or their agent, shall, if they be thereto required by the person so charged, make oath before a justice of the peace, that the said account was taken fairly and truly from the books or papers of the said Thomas O'Bryon." In the 14th line of the third page, after the word "account," insert "and provided also, that the said James O'Bryon, junior, before he shall deliver the said books, memorandums and entries, to the said securities, or a majority of them, shall make oath before a justice of the peace for Queen-Anne's county, that he the said James O'Bryon, junior, as administrator of the said Thomas O'Bryon, hath not, directly or indirectly, received any part or parcel of the money or tobacco which was due and payable to the said Thomas O'Bryon as sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, nor any security or satisfaction for the same, more than he has credited in the said books." In the 10th line of the 4th page, after the word "taxes," insert "other public dues and officers fees."

Which amendments, upon the second reading of the said bill, were agreed to, and the bill passed with the said amendments.

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal the thirty-third section of the act therein mentioned, was read the second time and will not pass.

On motion, the honourable Charles Ridgely, of Hampton, Esquire, brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to explain and amend the thirty-third section of an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution in favour of Benjamin Moreton was read the second time and dissented from.

On motion, the honourable James Hollyday, Esquire, brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Benjamin Moreton, of Baltimore county; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

On motion, the following message was prepared, read and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 6, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have dissented from your resolution in favour of Benjamin Moreton, conceiving it inadequate to the relief intended, and herewith send to your house a bill which has passed the senate upon that subject.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 6, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

WE propose on Friday next, if agreeable to your house, to go into a joint ballot for the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States after the third day of March next, which is the end of the term for which John Eager Howard, Esquire, was chosen.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 7, 1796.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following bills, to wit: A bill, entitled, An act to authorise the raising a sum of money by lottery to complete and finish a house of public worship in Baltimore county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 30, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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