

ment of debts against persons convicted of treason; the bill, entitled, An act for removing original papers in the late prerogative-office, &c. the bill to empower John Cradock and Elizabeth Worthington to convey in fee simple certain lands, &c. the bill, entitled, An act to make good the depreciation of pay to captain Philemon Griffith; the bill, entitled, An act empowering Martin Harry, &c. and the bill, entitled, An act for the sale of the glebe land in Cæcil county, &c. were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act for laying out a road from Philip Shoal's mill, &c. was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The resolution respecting the Bald-Beach, was read and assented to, and, with the above bill, sent to the house of delegates by Richard Barnes, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act to relieve nonjurors from certain disabilities, was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill for the relief of William Knott, of Montgomery county, was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill for the benefit of Mrs. Rebecca Hanson and Miss Catherine Dulany, was read the second time and will pass.

The engrossed bill No. 7, was read and assented to, and, with the paper bill thereof, and the above bills, sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

The bill for the sale of the glebe land in St. Mary-Anne's parish, in Cæcil county, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

Messieurs Hindman and Sherwood, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill to enable the visitors of Talbot county school to sell the lands belonging to the said school, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 27, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 3, 1783: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendment. Strike out in the 18th line from the word "school" to the word "agree" in the 21st line inclusive.

His Excellency the Governor communicates to the senate a letter from Mr. Ridley, with several papers relating to the business he was commissioned to execute for this state; which were read, and the following resolution read, assented to, and communicated to the governor in council:

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to lay before the senate, the powers and instructions by them given to Mr. Ridley as commercial agent of this state.

The honourable the intendant of the revenue communicates to the senate sundry papers relating to the execution of his office; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

## S A T U R D A Y, January 4, 1783.

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

The bill for the sale of the glebe land in St. Mary-Anne's parish, with the papers communicated on yesterday by the governor, were sent to the house of delegates by John Henry, Esq;

The bill for the relief of Edward Hargadine, a languishing prisoner in Queen-Anne's county gaol, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

Jeremiah T. Chase, Esq; from the council, appeared in the senate, and delivers the powers and instructions given to Matthew Ridley, Esq; to negotiate a loan in Europe for the state of Maryland.

James M'Henry, Esq; appointed to draught a message in answer to the one by Messieurs Hopper and Duvall, of yesterday, delivers to the president the following message:

By THE SENATE, JANUARY 3, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

BEFORE altering a law, founded on the interest a state has in augmenting its inhabitants, the disadvantages resulting from the law should be incontrovertibly established, and at least exceed its inconveniences. As we have not experienced these disadvantages from the naturalization act, we gave a negative to the bill, entitled, An act to prevent the subjects of an enemy from coming into this state. We conceive the laws of the state are sufficient to provide against the evils which are apprehended from our most inveterate enemies becoming our subjects, inasmuch as these men, to enjoy the privileges of citizens, must conform to the laws. However, as a few months delay cannot, in our opinion, be attended with any injury to the public, we propose putting off any further consideration of the question till our next meeting.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

Messieurs