

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Talbot county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 27, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 2, 1798: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the second section and tenth line strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "twenty." Strike out the words "nor persons qualified to serve as jurors according to the laws of this state" in the seventh line from the bottom of the third page. At the end of the fifth section insert "except in the time of wheat harvest." Strike out the words "or owners" in the third line from the end of the 6th section. After the word "owner" in the same line of the same section insert "tenant or overseer." In the seventh section, at the end of the twelfth line, strike out the word "and." In the same section and thirteenth line, after the word "gravel" insert "and timber." In the same section and same line, after the word "roads" insert "and bridges." In the eighth section and thirteenth line strike out from the word "time" to the end of the section. In the ninth section and fifteenth line from the word "attend" strike out to the end of the section, and insert "and in case the master, mistress or overseer, of any servant or slave, upon being notified as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to send such servant or slave, or upon sending, such servant or slave shall refuse to perform his reasonable labour as aforesaid, such master, mistress or overseer, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar for every servant or slave so refused to be sent, or when sent; refusing to work as aforesaid." In the thirteenth section and fifth line, after the words "shall be" insert "except in time of wheat harvest."

Which said amendments were read and agreed to by the senate, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Dorsey, from the committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act to lay out and establish a road from the city of Annapolis to the city of Washington, was committed, reported the said bill with amendments.

On motion, the senate took up the second reading of the said bill, and passed the same with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the word "cleared" in the 1st line of the 2d page to the word "shall" in the 3d line of the same page. Strike out from the beginning of the second enacting clause to the end thereof. Strike out the last enacting clause, and insert "And, whereas the opening the said road may cause damage to the owners of the lands through which the said road may pass, and their consent has not yet been obtained: And whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that the making a causeway on the west side of the Eastern Branch, without which the said road would be useless, would be very expensive to Prince-George's county, but that it is expected the said causeway will be made at the private expence of individuals, Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the said commissioners shall not proceed in opening said road until the assent of all the parties through whose land the new part of the road is to be made be first had and obtained by said commissioners, under the hands of the owners of said land, nor until a good and sufficient causeway be first made over the low ground adjoining the Eastern Branch, and on the western side thereof. And be it enacted, That as soon as the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall obtain the assent in writing of all the owners of the land through which the new part of said road may pass, and shall certify to the levy courts of Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's counties the assent of such owners, and shall also certify to the said courts that the causeway so as aforesaid to be made is in good, perfect and lasting order, that then the justices of the levy courts of Prince-George's and Anne-Arundel counties respectively, at their next levy court, shall levy upon the assessable property of the inhabitants of each county a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, for the purpose of defraying the expences of clearing the aforesaid road, and the said sum, when collected, shall be paid to the person or persons employed to carry this act into effect, who shall account for the expenditure of the same to the levy courts of the said counties."

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of certain foreigners therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the word "county" in the 2d line of the first page to the word "William" in the third line of the same page. In the 3d line of the same page, after the word "county" insert the words "Thomas White, of Baltimore county." Strike out from the word "Baltimore" in the 4th line of the same page to the word "county," and insert "the city of Baltimore." Strike out the words "John Frederick Magnus Amelung" in the 12th line of the same page. In the 13th line of the same page, after the word "Smith" insert the words "Thomas White." Strike out the words "John Frederick Magnus Amelung" in the 16th line of the same page. In the same line of the same page, after the word "Smith" insert the words "Thomas White." Strike out the words "John Frederick Magnus Amelung" in the 6th line of the 2d page. In the same line of the same page, after the word "Smith" insert "Thomas White."

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

W E D N E S D A Y, January 3, 1798.

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

The bill, entitled, An act to lay out and establish a turnpike road from the city of Baltimore through Frederick-town, in Frederick county, to Elizabeth-town and Williams-Port, in Washington county, with the amendments thereto, the bill, entitled, An act to authorise the laying out a public road from John Neal's lane, in Harford county, to intersect the road leading to the city of Baltimore, with the amendments