

assembly therein referred to, with the amendment thereto, the resolution respecting William Ferguson and the resolution respecting John Hoskins Stone, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 20, 1798.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to cause the senate chamber to be repaired, and the joists thereof to be secured in an effectual and safe manner; and the treasurer of the western shore is hereby directed to pay the amount of the expences incurred thereby to the order of the governor and council, who are requested to lay an account thereof before the next legislature.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

The bill, entitled, An act relating to sheriffs sales, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. At the end of the bill add, "And be it enacted, That an act, entitled, An act to restrain ill practices used by sheriffs in taking goods by fieri facias and selling them by venditioni exponas, passed at a session of assembly held at the city of Annapolis on the seventeenth day of July, seventeen hundred and sixteen, be and the same is hereby repealed and declared null and void."

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

S U N D A Y; January 21, 1798.

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

The bill, entitled, An act relating to sheriffs sales, the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act to restrain the ill practices of sheriffs, and to direct their conduct respecting runaways, and the resolution respecting repairs to the senate room, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, the constitution and form of government, as prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from enjoying the rights and privileges of free citizens, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 17, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 20, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 8th line of the 1st page, after the word "affirmation" insert "as witnesses." In the 14th line of the same page, after the word "affirmation" insert "as witnesses." In the 16th line of the same page, after the word "oath" strike out the words "in all cases and." Strike out from the word "witness" in the 1st line of the 2d page to the word "in," being the second word in the second line.

The following message was prepared, read, agreed to, and, with the bill and amendments therein mentioned, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 21, 1798.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have proposed certain amendments to your bill, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, the constitution and form of government, as prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from enjoying the rights and privileges of free citizens, which, it adopted by you, will render some alteration in the title of the bill necessary. We therefore propose to strike out the words "enjoying the rights and privileges of free citizens" at the end of the title, and instead thereof insert the words "being witnesses in all cases."

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

On motion, Mr. M'Mechen delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to separate the criminal business arising in the county and city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following message and the bill therein mentioned.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 21, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have negatived your amendment to the bill, entitled, An act relating to sheriffs sales, and hope that upon reconsideration you will recede from the same.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The engrossed bill number 112 was read and assented to, and, with the paper bill thereof, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 21, 1798.

Whereas it is represented by Elizabeth Keech Cartwright, of Saint-Mary's county, administratrix of John Cartwright, late of said county, deceased, that said Cartwright became security for one Richard Carnes to the state of Maryland for the purchase of confiscated property to the amount of nineteen hundred and fifty-nine pounds seventeen shillings and nine-pence halfpenny current money, bearing interest from the third day of October, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and that the said Cartwright in his life-time paid to the state, as security for said Carnes, the sum of three hundred and sixty-nine pounds