

The resolution in favour of Archibald Robinson and Thomas Barton, administrators of James Barton, was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the more effectual collection of the county charges in Allegany county, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and, with the resolution next before mentioned, sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 31, 1799.

**T**he senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. After the word "thereon" in the 16th line of the 16th page insert the words "such persons." Strike out from the word "owners" in the 5th line of the 17th page to the end of the clause, and insert the words "of slaves, as many male slaves as they may deem necessary, not exceeding one half of the number of labouring slaves belonging to such person on any one day; provided that such owner shall not be compelled to render more service in any one year by the labour of his or her slaves than his or her road taxes may amount to; and provided that the labour of said slaves shall not be required as aforesaid during the season of harvest."

On motion, Mr. Dorsey delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand eight hundred; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to.

By THE SENATE, DECEMBER 31, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have finished all the business before us, and being convinced that we shall not have a senate after Thursday next, we take the liberty of suggesting to you the propriety of acting upon such business only as cannot well be dispensed with. We have determined not to act upon any private business after Wednesday next, and conceive that the advanced stage of the session, and the great expence already incurred thereby, will justify us in such determination.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

On motion, Mr. Dennis delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable the justices of Anne-Arundel county court to license and regulate a public ferry over South river, in said county; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to empower the justices of the levy court of Harford county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money for the support of Elizabeth Tyers, was read the second time and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An additional supplementary act to the act to regulate public ferries, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The following message was prepared, read, and agreed to.

By THE SENATE, DECEMBER 31, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

AS certain inconveniencies are acknowledged to exist under the present ferry laws, as mentioned in our message upon that subject, which we are desirous should be remedied, we have originated a bill, entitled, An additional supplementary act to the act to regulate public ferries, for this purpose. We flatter ourselves, that leaving the policy of the changes contemplated by you to the consideration of a future legislature, you will think it adviseable to adopt the additional provisions which are offered, and we accordingly solicit your concurrence therewith.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The six bills and two messages next before mentioned 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 for the relief of John Johnson, of Washington county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 26, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 30, 1799: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to facilitate the draining of land in the several counties therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 29, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 31, 1799: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the adjournment of Prince-George's county court, and a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to freighten and amend the public roads in Harford county, and for other purposes, severally thus

endorsed;