

The bill to revive an act of assembly therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 17, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, December 20, 1796: Read the second time and will not pass.
 "By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.
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The following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 20, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,
 WE have rejected your bill, entitled, An act to revive an act of assembly therein mentioned, as not containing sufficient certainty for an act of that importance. We have passed a bill upon that subject, to which we request your attention.

Which was read. By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

A bill, entitled, An act to revive and continue an act, entitled, An act for the punishment of horse stealers and other offenders, endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1796: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill for extending to the securities of Thomas Gibson, late sheriff of Harford county, a further time to complete their collection, endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, December 20, 1796: Read the second time and will not pass. A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."
 The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

A petition from Sarah Turnbull, praying the treasurer may be directed to pay her the surplus interest on certificates paid into the treasury, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Carroll, Mr. Merryman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Worthington and Mr. J. C. Thomas, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Robins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to appoint an agent for the year 1797; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. S. Frazier, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the levy court of Dorchester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ridout, from the committee of expiring laws, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee on the expiring laws of this state report, that the following laws expire this session, and submit the propriety of continuing them respectively until the thirtieth day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, subject to the operation of any laws since made, and which repeal, alter or change, the said laws, or any part of them. An act for the more effectual punishment of certain offenders, and for taking from them the benefit of clergy, passed at April session, 1737. An act for repairing the public roads in this province, passed at October session, 1753. A supplementary act to the act for repairing the public roads in this province, passed at February session, 1756. An act for the amendment of the law, passed at November session, 1773. An act for the relief of insolvent debtors, passed at March session, 1774. A supplementary act to the act for the amendment of the law, passed at October session, 1778. An act to declare what foreign gold and silver coin shall be deemed the current money of the state, passed at November session, 1781. An act concerning jurisdiction, passed at November session, 1785. An act for the prevention of lotteries, passed at November session, 1792. A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the preservation of the breed of fish, passed at November session, 1792. A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors, passed at November session, 1792. A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to straighten and amend the public roads in Harford county, November session, 1795.

By order, J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read. On motion, ORDERED, That the further consideration of the bill relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, be postponed till to-morrow.

The bill for the destruction of crows in the several counties of this state, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Oneale, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred a letter from Ninian Pinkney, referred by the senate to the consideration of the house of delegates, report, that they are of opinion the copying of Messieurs Lyons argument relative to the bank stock in England by said Pinkney, for the use of the senate, is a service for which he ought to be compensated, inasmuch as it is not a part of his duty as clerk of the council. They therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED,