

"By the senate, December 24, 1796: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Dorchester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 24, 1796: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for building a bridge over Jones's Falls, in Baltimore-town, endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 24, 1796: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to increase the allowance of the justices of the orphans courts, the commissioners of the tax, and the clerk to the commissioners, in the several counties of this state, endorsed; "By the senate, December 24, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 24, 1796: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendment proposed. At the end of the bill add "This act to continue and be in force until the first day of October, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

And the further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, endorsed; "By the senate, December 19, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 24, 1796: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 3d line from the bottom of the 1st page, after the word "assembly" insert the words "of Maryland." In the first line of the 2d page strike out the word "laws," and insert the word "act." In the 2d line of the same page, after the word "ascertain" insert the words "not heretofore reviewed and ascertained agreeably to the provisions of the original act." In the 7th line of the same page strike out the word "laws" and insert the word "act." In the same line, after the word "of" insert the words "road or." In the 9th line of the same page strike out the word "laws" and insert the word "act." Strike out from the beginning of the 3d page to the word "town" in the 11th line of the 4th page, and insert "And be it enacted, That the said commissioners of review shall meet on the first Monday in every month at some convenient place in Baltimore-town or county, to be determined by a majority of the said commissioners, and if any commissioner shall fail to attend for three successive meetings without a reasonable excuse, to be approved of by the commissioners attending, the said commissioners shall certify to the commissioners of the tax the name of the commissioner of review so failing to attend, and the said commissioners of the tax shall thereupon proceed to appoint a new commissioner of review in the place of the person so failing to attend as aforesaid." Strike out from the word "county" in the 4th line of the 5th page to the end of the bill, and add the two following clauses: "And be it enacted, That any commissioner of review who shall continue to act after the first day of February next, and doth refuse or neglect to do and execute the duties required by the original act, or the supplements thereto, shall and may, on presentment and conviction thereof in Baltimore county criminal court, be fined any sum not exceeding twenty dollars for every such offence. And be it enacted, That each of the commissioners of review shall be allowed one dollar and thirty-three cents for each and every day they shall be employed in the execution of their trust, to be paid by the county aforesaid."

Which were read.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 26, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE are disposed to terminate the present session as early as it is practicable to act on the public business now before us. We hope it may be effected on Thursday, and we beg leave to suggest, that your acting on the bill for the per diem allowance, by enabling the committee of claims to close the journal of accounts, will greatly accelerate that desirable object.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the report and resolutions relative to the agent's report, and the bill to appoint an agent for the year 1797, have a second reading on to-morrow.

On the second reading the bill for the encouragement of learning in the several counties of this state, and to establish an uniform system of education, the question was put, That Anne-Arundel and Kent counties be excepted? Resolved in the affirmative.