

The additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, as far as relates to Cæcil, Talbot and Kent counties, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to direct the manner of recording the commissions therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Emerson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Calvert county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to authorise a lottery in George-town, in the territory of Columbia, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the post road from Havre-de-Grace to Baltimore-town, 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.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 28, 1796.

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

The bill respecting the roads in Somerset and Worcester counties was sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Walter Bowie, a delegate returned for Prince-George's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

On the second reading the amendments to the bill for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state, the question was put, That the house agree to the amendment relative to Cæcil county? Resolved in the affirmative.

The amendments were read throughout, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. C. Frazier be added to the committee of claims.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Clement Hill, of Prince-George's county, report, that they find the said Clement Hill did, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, furnish empty hogsheds for the use of the state of Maryland to the amount of eight pounds five shillings, and that the said sum was payable in red money; that the said Clement Hill expected to have this claim discounted in his public tax; that he never has been paid this money, or been allowed it in his taxes; that the law of this state, passed in seventeen hundred and eighty-four, entitled, An act to limit the time for bringing and settling claims against this state, does absolutely bar any claim existing before the month of January, 1785, and which should not be brought in before the month of November in the same year, and that therefore your committee cannot report a payment should be made at this time.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The amendments to the further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for building a record-office, and securing and transcribing certain records and papers, in Baltimore county, and rebuilding two bridges over Jones's Falls, in Baltimore-town, in said county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, praying the law passed last session of assembly for levying money for the purpose of erecting lamps, &c. may be repealed, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. McKim, Mr. Key and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, An act for erecting a school in Frederick county. ORDERED, That Mr. Brother, Mr. Key and Mr. Quynn, junior, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill permitting the proprietors of lots binding on the water at the west end of the basin in Baltimore-town to extend and improve the same, endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 27, 1796: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendment proposed. At the end of the bill add "And, whereas by an act of assembly, entitled, An act to empower the commissioners of Baltimore-town to make a correct survey of the said town, and for other purposes therein mentioned, it was among other things enacted, that certain commissioners were thereby authorized and permitted to make and open a canal, not exceeding forty feet wide, and of a convenient and reasonable depth, from the upper part of the basin of Baltimore-town to the ferry branch of Patapsco river, beginning the same on the basin at a street called Forest-street: And whereas two of the said commissioners are since dead, and the law yet remains unexecuted;