

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution in favour of Benjamin Hatcheson was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 24, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

THE advanced stage of the session, and the inclemency of the weather, induce us to suggest to you the propriety of closing the session at as early a period as possible, consistently with the interest of the public. We beg leave to suggest to you the expediency of acting upon such business only as from its peculiar nature requires immediate attention, and to dispense with that which may be postponed without public inconvenience. With your concurrence we propose to rise on Tuesday next.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act 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; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act to lay out and establish a turnpike road from the city of Washington to Baltimore-town, be made the order of the day for Monday next.

The resolution in favour of Philip Casson was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

The resolution in favour of Alexander Contee Hanson was read the second time and assented to.

The 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, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

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."

The bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for building a bridge over Jones's Falls, in Baltimore-town, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to provide for the payment of costs of suits to which the state may be a party, was read the second time and will not pass.

The resolution in favour of Benjamin Hatcheson was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 24, 1796.

RESOLVED, That this state will subscribe two hundred and twenty shares to the bank of Baltimore.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed and authorized to pay to the order of the president and directors of the bank of Baltimore the one moiety or half part of the amount of the said shares, on or before the twenty-seventh day of December instant, and the residue on the twenty-seventh day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

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

Amendment