

The bill, entitled, An 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 will pass.

The senate adjourns until 5 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

The bill, entitled, An act respecting the roads in Somerset and Worcester counties, the bill, entitled, An act to revive and continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Calvert county, the bill, entitled, An act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, with the amendments thereto, the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate an insurance company in Baltimore-town, the bill, entitled, An 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, with the amendments thereto, the bill, entitled, An act to empower John Erskine and John Thomas, administrators of Richard Johns, to collect the balances due to Richard Johns as sheriff and collector of Talbot county, the bill, entitled, An act to repeal the nineteenth section of the constitution, and to provide a new mode of electing senators, in case of refusal, death, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of this state, of any senator, or on his becoming governor or member of the council, the bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of the act of assembly therein mentioned, the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for erecting a public school in Frederick county, the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the post road from Havre-de-Grace to Baltimore-town, the resolution in favour of Charles Mankin, the resolutions relative to the business of the state, the resolution in favour of Mary Sherburn, the resolution in favour of Ebenezer Jones, the resolution relative to negro Daniel, the resolution in favour of the adjutant-general, the resolution relative to the bank stock, and the resolution in favour of Samuel Patterfon Wallace, were read by 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 to direct the manner of recording the commissions therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the House of Delegates, December 27, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 29, 1796: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and will not pass, and was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

### F R I D A Y, December 30, 1796.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, An act to revive and continue an act, entitled, An act for the punishment of horse stealers and other offenders, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 20, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 29, 1796: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which said bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following message, and the resolution therein mentioned.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 29, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE return you the resolution in favour of Samuel Patterfon Wallace, and hope you will reconsider it. The incompetency of the evidence exhibited to you, was, we presume, the reason of your rejecting it. As there will be other evidence brought forward to support his claim, we hope you will, upon reconsideration, assent to it.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following message, together with the bill and amendments therein mentioned.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 29, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have dissented from your first amendment to the bill, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and hope that upon reconsideration you will pass the bill without insisting upon the same. We cannot agree to this amendment, because it goes to the competency of witnesses born of free ancestors, and entitled to the privileges of citizens. We think that the credibility of such persons ought always to rest with the jury of their country.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.