

The bill respecting the new jail of Washington county, and the bill for the relief of Mary Ebrecht, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for the relief of John Eckstine, and the bill for the sale of the real estate therein mentioned, severally endorsed "will not pass."

The bill for the benefit of the infant heirs of John Cole, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill for the relief of John Llewellen, and wife; the bill for the relief of James B. Robins, of Worcester county; and the bill to enable purchasers to obtain possession of lands and premises sold by sheriffs, coroners and elisors, at public auction, severally endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read.

The house adjourns until 6 o'clock, P. M.

### 6 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The house met. Present the following members:

Messrs. Kilgour, Welch, Wickes, Harris, Worthington, Shower, Turner, M'Culloh, Banning, A. E. Jones, Teackle, B. I. Jones, Brown, Eccleston, Thomas, Grubb, Gilpin, Beall, Speed, Stevens, Parker, S. R. Smith, Mitchell, Cockey, Barnes, Farquhar, Montgomery, Williams, Sewell, Hall, Potter, Keene, Hughlett, Merrick, Kershner, Jacques, Willson, Perry, Reid, Blair, Armstrong.

Messrs. Brohawn, Douglas, Edelen, Millis, Duvall, Ridgaway, Howard, Tyson, Lee, Lansdale, Spencer and Goldsborough, appeared.

Mr. Gilpin obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to make valid the acts of Joseph Bryan as a justice of the peace for Cecil county. Ordered, That Messrs. Gilpin, Thomas and Grubb, report the same.

The bill to confirm the acts and proceedings of the commissioners appointed by order of the Baltimore county court, to divide the real estate of William Price, deceased, of said county, and for other purposes; the bill to lay out and open a road from the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, to the city of Washington and George-town; and the bill for draining a branch of the Red Lyon, called Trap Hill Branch, from the head thereof to Trap Hill Bridge, were severally read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. A. E. Jones, the following message and resolution was twice read by special order, and assented to:

By the House of Delegates, Feb. 20, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

In granting an extension of time for the collection and payment of the direct tax in Somerset county, as provided for in a resolution adopted by your honourable body, the requisition of interest was inadvertently introduced. From information recently received, and which may be relied on, it appears that the levy court of Somerset county did not apportion the direct tax until the twelfth of July, this delay has necessarily abridged the time allowed to the collector by law for the payment of this tax; in such a case it has not been usual to require interest. It will also be recollected, that a disastrous season, for the last year, has eventuated almost in a total destruction of the wheat crop; a pressure on the people, at a season of scarcity and abstraction, would be attended with considerable sacrifice of property. From the high character of the officer in question, entire confidence in his punctuality is entertained. We have therefore passed the subjoined reso-