

out a road in Montgomery and Anne-Arundel counties; which said bills were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Teackle also reported a bill, entitled, An act relating to the treasury department, and to regulate the collection and expenditure of the public revenue of this state; which was read and referred to the standing committee on ways and means.

Mr. Richard Thomas also reported a bill, entitled. An act for the relief of Wilson Carey Selden, senior, and Wilson Carey Selden, junior, citizens of Virginia; which was twice read by special order, passed, and sent to the senate for concurrence.

The house proceeded to the consideration of the bill reported by Mr. Brocke, entitled, An act to secure to those persons who may apprehend absconding slaves or servants, the rewards offered by their masters, mistresses or owners," and on the second reading thereof, Mr. Wilmer proposed to amend the first section by adding thereto the following clause: "Unless it appears that the said slave from age or infirmity, has become of less value, then in that case, a proportionate part of said reward shall be deemed sufficient. And on motion by Mr Buchanan, the following words were added to the amendment proposed: 'Which value shall be determined by two appraisers, under oath, one appointed by each party.' The question was then propounded on the adoption of the said amendment, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Dennis proposed to amend the grammatical construction of the last section of the bill, which was acceded to, and the same was amended accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Done, the bill was then recommitted to the committee who had reported it, and on motion by Mr. Brocke, the said committee was enlarged by the addition of Messrs. Done and Edward Hughes.

The house proceeded to the consideration of the bill reported by Mr. Ridgely, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled An act to appropriate certain lands to the use of the officers and soldiers of this state, and for the sale of vacant lands, passed at November session 1781; and the same having been read the second time, the further consideration thereof, was, on the motion of Mr. Speed, postponed, and made the order of the day for Friday the 19th instant.

The hour for taking up the order of the day having arrived, the house proceeded to the consideration of the bill, reported by Mr. Stricker, entitled, An act relating to checks, inland bills of exchange, and promissory notes; and the bill having been read a second time, on motion by