

of them immaterial. The powers given by one of the clauses of the bill to the orphans court, commensurate and co-equal in all instances with those of the court of chancery, we thought too extensive and important to be imparted to men, who with the best intentions, from the want of knowledge, might make an improper and dangerous use of them.

We are of opinion, that the bill as amended, even without the clause, (which must be struck out in case you persist in rejecting our amendments) contains some useful regulations, and may prevent many of the inconveniences and injuries intended to be remedied, and therefore we accede to your proposal of enacting into a law the other clauses of the bill, leaving out the clause about which we differ, and which, (considering the near approach of the severe season of the year) together with every thing else not absolutely necessary now to be done, we are very desirous of leaving to the consideration of a future session.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Messieurs Bayly and Burgess, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable the justices of Frederick and Montgomery counties to assess a sum of money sufficient to defray the expences of the commissioners in dividing Frederick county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 18, 1779: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Whetcroft of the city of Annapolis, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments. In the seventh line of the first page strike out the word "six" and insert "five." In the second line of the second page, between the words "purchased" and "in" insert the word "for." In the seventh line of the same page, strike out the words "the same" and insert "Anne-Arundel." In the ninth line of the third page, between the words "less" and "whereas" insert "which said parcels of land are situate, lying and being in Baltimore county." In the ninth line of the sixth page, between the words "authorised" and "empowered" strike out the word "and," and after the word "empowered" insert the words "directed and required." In the fourteenth line of the same page, strike out the words "ninety-nine years with a clause or covenant," and in the fifteenth line strike out the words "therein contained that the same shall be renewable for," and in the beginning of the sixteenth line strike out the word "ever" and insert "forty years." In the eighteenth line of the seventh page, between the word "dam" and the word "and" insert the following, "and keeping the same in repair to the amount of one third part of the labour (materials not included) so far as extends to such part of the dam as may be so erected as aforesaid during such time as the said William Whetcroft shall continue to work and carry on the said mill."

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

SUNDAY, December 19, 1779.

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Whetcroft, of the city of Annapolis, was, with a letter from the delegates in congress to the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, sent to the house of delegates by Joseph Sim, Esq;

On motion, the question was put, That the senate now go into a second reading of the bill, entitled, An act for the seizure and confiscation of British property within this state? Carried in the negative.

NEGATIVE.

Honourable Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esquire, president, honourable Matthew Tilghman, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Brice T. B. Worthington, William Hindman, and Joseph Sim, Esquires.

AFFIRMATIVE.

Honourable Richard Barnes and Upton Sheredine, Esquires.

The bill, entitled, An act to enable the justices of Frederick and Montgomery counties to assess a sum of money sufficient to defray the expences of the commissioners in dividing Frederick county, was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to empower Thomas Harrison to lay out anew and amend the streets, lanes and alleys, of that part of Baltimore-town commonly called the Marthy-Ground, was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Joseph Cowman of Anne-Arundel county, was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The said three last mentioned bills were sent to the house of delegates by Upton Sheredine, Esq;

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