

The bill to empower Edward Downes to collect, by distress and sale, the arrears due for public and county assessments to the late collector of Queen-Anne's county; the bill to open and establish a public road in Dorchester county; and the bill to empower the vestry of Somerset parish, in Somerset county; to sell and dispose of a part of the negroes belonging to said parish, for the purposes therein mentioned; were read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill to empower Edward Dorsey, administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of Samuel Dorsey, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Samuel; and the bill appointing commissioners to contract for the building a court-house and prison in Montgomery county, and for other purposes; were read the second time and will not pass.

Samuel Hughes, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable Sarah Stokes, wife of Robert Young Stokes, to release her right of dower to certain lots of ground lying in Harford county; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill for the relief of Joseph Cresap, of Washington county, and the bill for straitening and repairing the road from Baltimore-town to the lower ferry on the river Susquehanna, with the above bills, and the following message, were sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 17, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate propose adjourning on Wednesday next, and are anxious that the civil list bill, and all bills which may be considered of importance, be sent up early enough to afford time for their due and proper deliberations.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Messieurs Keene and Miller, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the christian society of people called Nicolites, or New Quakers, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 15, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 17, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The president lays before the senate a memorial from Thomas Harwood, 3d, John Smith Brookes, Rinaldo Johnson, Elisha Berry, Richard Smith, and John Waring, of Prince-George's county, securities for Thomas Williams, collector of said county, praying that the collection may be taken out of the hands of the said Thomas Williams, and that they may be empowered to collect his arrearages; which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill to authorize and empower Robert Ballard, administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of Jonathan Plowman, late of Baltimore county, deceased, unadministered by Rebecca Plowman and David Arnold, his executors at the time of their decease, with the will of the said Jonathan Plowman annexed, was read the second time by especial order, passed with the proposed amendment, and with the above memorial, sent to the house of delegates by John Smith, Esq;

Amendment proposed. In the second page and interlineation of the eighth line from the bottom, strike out from the word "testament" to the end of the clause.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 18, 1783.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read: Messieurs Ware and Dent, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bills No. 11 and 12, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 17, 1783: Read and assented to.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 18, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house accede to the proposition contained in your message of yesterday by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; for adjourning on Wednesday next, or on Tuesday next if in our power, and will do our endeavour to send you the civil list bill, and all others of importance, in time for your deliberation.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Messieurs