

stacle to the passage of the other parts of the bill. Some of the foregoing observations and reasoning, may with equal propriety be applied to the bill for ascertaining what shall be recovered on protested bills of exchange.

By the first enacting clause it is provided, that in case of a bill drawn on a foreign country, and returned protested, the owner or holder thereof shall have a right to receive and recover so much current money as will purchase another good bill of the same sight, and on the same place, at the current exchange of such bills. This provision was intended to prevent litigation and injustice. Let us suppose that A. has purchased of B. a bill of exchange of £. 100 sterling, for £. 190 current money; should the bill be returned protested, B. may possibly contend, that he has a right, under the act declaring what shall be the current money of this state, to take up his bill by paying A. £. 191 13 4 currency for £. 115 sterling, the amount of the bill with damages. In this case A. would only receive £. 1 13 4 more than he gave for the bill, and B. would receive probably upwards of a year's interest on the sum of £. 190. The loss and injury A. might sustain by not making a good remittance, is not so easily calculated. His credit might be affected, or a near connection be left destitute of support in a foreign land; if the exchange should rise in the mean time, his loss and inconvenience will be still greater. The clauses of the bill for ascertaining what damages and interest shall be allowed on foreign and inland bills of exchange, when duly protested, (except in the case of bills drawn in this state on persons in this state,) were drawn conformably to the sentiments of the commissioners of this state and Virginia on that subject, which were confirmed this session by both houses. It was conceived, that uniformity in the laws of neighbouring states, in particular respecting bills of exchange, would be convenient and useful; and the damages as regulated by the bill, with an allowance of interest on the principal sum, over and above such damages and charges of protest, we think are more consonant to reason and justice, than the regulation adopted by the act of April session seventeen hundred and fifteen, and which must continue in force until a better can be substituted.

Strongly impressed with the opinion that these bills are founded on principles of justice and public convenience, we return them to you, under a confident expectation, that upon a reconsideration you will recede from your amendments, and that all the bills will obtain your assent; or if they should not, we request you will make known to us your objection to the system of the inspection bill, which was your own, and only improved by the conferrees, and also the reasons of your dissent to the two other bills.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

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

Mr. Waggaman, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the bill, entitled, An act for consolidating the funds of King William's school with the funds of St. John's college, endorsed; "By the house of delegates February 17, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, February 18, 1786: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

And also the bill, entitled, An act directing what shall be good evidence to prove foreign and other debts, and deeds and wills, and instruments in writing executed in any of the United States, or in any foreign country, for allowing discounts, and for repealing an act of assembly therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 27, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates February 18, 1786: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendments proposed. Page 1, 3d line from the bottom, after the word "record," insert "or register." After the word "recorded," in the last line, insert "or registered." Page 2, 1st line, after the word "recorded," insert "or registered." In the 2d line, after the word "record," insert "or register." 3d line, after the word "record," insert "or register." 5th line from the bottom, after the word "recording," insert "or registering." 4th line from the bottom, after the word "oath," insert "or affirmation, as the case may be." Page 3, 1st line after the word "oath," insert "or affirmation, as the case may be." 3d line, same page, after the word "oath," insert "or affirmation, as the case may be." 4th line, same page, after the word "oath" in two places, insert "or affirmation as the case may be." Page 4, after the word "oath" in the 5th line, insert "or affirmation, as the case may be." 5th line from the bottom, after the word "that," insert "such instrument of writing was duly executed by the person therein mentioned to have executed the same, and that." Page 5, 3d line, after the word "oath," insert "or affirmation, as the case may be." After the word "state," at the end of the first clause, insert "and provided also, that every creditor of a deceased person, and any executor or administrator of a creditor, on suit by them or any of them, shall make oath, or affirmation, as the law now directs." Same page, 9th line, after the word "oath," insert "or affirmation, as the case may be." Page 6, 4th line, after "oath," insert "or affirmation, as the case may be." Same page, 8th line, after the word "oath," insert "or affirmation, as the case may be." Same page, in the proviso, line 9, after word "oath," insert "or affirmation, as the case may be." Same