

Mr. Mason, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Caroline county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 13, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD; clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 16, 1788: 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.

Mr. Fitzhugh, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for repealing an act, entitled, An act for vesting an estate for life in Daniel Heester, the younger, and an estate in fee-simple in Rosannah his wife, in fourteen hundred acres of land, lying in Washington county, and five lots of land lying in Elizabeth-town, in the said county, and for annulling and making void all estates, rights and titles, derived under the said act, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 15, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 16, 1788: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

On motion, ORDERED, That the said bill be taken into consideration on to-morrow.

Mr. S. Miller, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 16, 1788.

RESOLVED, That the debtors to the state of Maryland, whose bonds, by the third section of the act, entitled, An act to establish funds to secure the payment of the state debt within six years, and for the punctual payment of the annual interest thereon, passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, were appropriated as an additional fund for the redemption of the emissions of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, may pay and discharge their respective debts and interests in the same manner that other debtors whose debts were consolidated by the said act and not set apart for the purposes aforesaid may and can discharge their debts under the said act, provided they pay up, within three months from the passing of this resolution; all the interest which would now be payable under the said act on their bonds if they had not been set apart by the said third section, with all costs that hath accrued thereon.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. J. Tilghman, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Rufston, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 15, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

"By the house of delegates, December 16, 1788: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The bill, entitled, An act to lay a further tax on the people of Harford county to complete the public buildings of said county, and for other purposes, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed, At the end of the bill insert, "And provided also, that if the money directed to be levied on the inhabitants of Harford county should be more than sufficient to complete the said buildings, the surplus shall be applied in aid of the county charges."

The bill, entitled, An act for altering the time of holding the courts in Anne-Arundel county, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Caroline county, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed, In the 13th page and 6th line, after the word "committed," insert the following additional section, to wit: "And be it enacted, That every person who shall be received into the said alms or work-house, and there receive relief, shall, upon the shoulder of the right sleeve of the uppermost garment of every such person, in an open and visible manner, wear the following badge, to wit, the letters P. C. for the poor of Caroline, as by the overseer of the poor shall be directed and appointed; and if such poor person shall neglect or refuse to wear such mark or badge as aforesaid, and in manner as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for any one of the trustees aforesaid to punish every such offender, for every such offence, either by ordering his or her usual allowance to be abridged, suspended or withdrawn, or otherwise by ordering such offender to be whipped not exceeding ten lashes, and kept to hard labour any number of days not exceeding twenty, as to the said trustees shall seem meet; and if any overseer of the poor shall receive into the said alms and work-house, or shall support any such person, not having and wearing such badge or mark as aforesaid, and be thereof convicted upon the oath of one or more credible witnesses or witnesses, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds current money."

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 17, 1788.

THE senate met: Present as on yesterday, except John Hall and William Perry, Esquires. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Lecompte, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:

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