

fix the holding of the general court for the eastern shore at Talbot, 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 17, 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. Gantt, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable the court of appeals to continue certain causes therein depending, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 17, 1788: Read the first and 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.

Mr. Digges, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Booth, and for confirming his title in certain lands therein mentioned, 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 resolution respecting Samuel Groom Osborne, being reconsidered, was read and assented to with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "required," in the 4th line from the bottom, to the end of the resolution, and insert "to pass the amount of the sum so certified by the auditor to the credit of the said Samuel Groom Osborne in his account, as late collector for Harford county, in the same manner as he would have been so entitled if the time limited as afore said not had yet expired."

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act to open the courts of justice, and for other purposes, and to fix the holding of the general court for the eastern shore at Talbot, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice, &c. and also part of an act, entitled, An act for the advancement of justice, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Ruston, was read the second time by especial order, passed with the proposed amendment, and, with the above bills and resolution, sent to the house of delegates by James Carroll, Esquire.

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the beginning of the preamble to the end of the last clause, and insert as follows: "Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that Thomas Ruston, of the state of Pennsylvania, during his residence in Great-Britain, in the late war, manifested his attachment and friendship to the United States; and this general assembly being desirous to remove all disabilities which the said Thomas Ruston may labour under, in consequence of his residence heretofore in Great-Britain; Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That all and every disability which the said Thomas Ruston, by the laws of this state, may be liable or subject to in consequence of his residence at any time heretofore in Great-Britain, be and are hereby removed; and the said Thomas Ruston is hereby declared to be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a citizen of the United States, and be vested with the same titles and advantages, with respect to any claim against this state, as if he had been a citizen of Pennsylvania at the time of the death of his father Job Ruston."

And be it further enacted, That in case the said Thomas Ruston shall establish his claim to any confiscated property in this state, that the treasurer of the western shore assign to him bonds arising from the sale thereof to the amount or value of such claim, after deducting all expences of the said sale, and all costs which the state may be subject to in consequence of the passage of this act."

Mr. Thomas, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Robert Long, James Rooney, and Andrew Stigar, of Baltimore county, confined in the gaol of the said county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 16, 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 enable the court of appeals to continue certain causes therein depending, was read the second time by especial order, will not pass, and sent to the house of delegates by Nicholas Hammond, Esquire.

On reading the petition of Daniel Heester, ORDERED, That the order of the day be postponed till to-morrow, and that the parties be heard by counsel, if required, and that a copy of this order be served upon them.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Robert Long, James Rooney and Andrew Stigar, of Baltimore county, confined in the gaol of said county, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

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