

John Hall, Esquire, from the committee appointed to prepare a message to the house of delegates relative to the removal of the seat of justice in Caroline county, brings in and delivers to the president the following message:

By THE SENATE, DECEMBER 19, 1789.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have again returned the bill for the removal of the seat of justice from Melvill's Warehouse to Choptank Bridge, with a negative. We have not time at the close of this session to have the allegations of all the contending parties. Should no compromise take place between this and another session, there will be an opportunity of fully discussing this affair, which has so frequently agitated the minds of many of the good people of Caroline county.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

Which was agreed to, and, with the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas Smyth, junior, of Kent county, and William Gillis, of Somerset county, the bill for the relief of Henly M'Coy, of Charles county, the bill for the relief of Philip Waters, of Baltimore county, the bill directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, and for the regulation of the said elections, and also to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, the bill enabling the inhabitants of St. John's parish, in Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties, to elect vestrymen and churchwardens for said parish, and the bill empowering Thomas Worrell, of Kent county, to complete the collections due and unpaid to his deceased father for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, was sent to the house of delegates by Nicholas Hammond, Esquire.

Richard Ridgely, Esquire, from the committee appointed to prepare amendments to the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to dispose of the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, in Washington county, and to fulfil the engagements made by this state to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line in the service of the United States, brings in and delivers to the president the following amendments:

Amendments proposed. After the word "proclamation" in the 11th line of the first page, insert "since the passage of the aforesaid act." Strike out the clause of 2d page, and insert "And whereas it is represented, that sundry warrants have been heretofore granted, and certificates thereon returned, containing surveys of vacant lands, before the passage of the aforesaid act, and the owners of such certificates have neglected to pay the composition money thereon of seven shillings and six-pence per acre, to the injury of the revenues of this state; Be it therefore enacted, that the register of the land-office be and is hereby directed and required to return to the treasurer of the western shore, on or before the first day of May next, a list of all certificates in his possession for vacant lands surveyed, describing the quantity of such vacant land so taken up, and the name of the person or persons taking up the same, and the location of the said vacant lands; and the said treasurer, on receipt of the said list, shall immediately advertise in the Maryland Gazette and Baltimore news-papers, a list of the said lands, and notify in his said advertisement, that if the person or persons who took up the said vacant lands shall neglect to compound and pay for the same on or before the first day of August next, that the said lands will be sold to the first applicant thereafter; and the said treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to sell the said vacant lands to the first applicant after the said first day of August next, at not less than seven shillings and six-pence per acre; provided that no proclamation warrants shall be granted to any person to affect any of the said vacant lands before the said first day of August next." At the end of the bill insert "And, whereas it is represented by sundry settlers westward of Fort Cumberland, that the time fixed for them to make their annual payments is at an inconvenient season of the year; Be it therefore enacted, That the time allotted for payment for the lands sold to settlers westward of Fort Cumberland, shall be extended to the first day of May in each year, and the said settlers shall be allowed until the first day of May next to make their first payment; provided, that nothing in this clause contained shall be construed to affect the rights of any other person or persons, acquired since the first day of September last, to any of the said lots; and provided also, that any person or persons who have already, or may hereafter, proclaimate any of the said lots, shall pay such composition money thereon as the original settlers were to pay for the same."

Which said bill was read the second time with the amendments and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the securities of John Ward Veazey, collector of the state taxes for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, in Cæcil county, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 14th line of the first page, strike out the words "though he has acknowledged that he has one thousand pounds in his possession." At the end of the second clause, in the 24th line of the same page, add as follows: "And the said John Ward Veazey is hereby divested of his said office of collector, and of all power and authority to demand or collect the said arrearages and balances; and if any citizen or citizens of the said county shall pay any of the said arrearages or balances to the said John Ward Veazey, or to his deputies, agents or assigns, after notice of this act, all and every such payment shall be void and of no effect, and the party or parties making the same shall nevertheless be liable to the lawful claim, demand and execution, of the said Peter Lawson, or his agents, for the said arrearages or balances, in the same manner as if such payment had not been made." After the word "aforesaid," in the 2d line of the 2d page, strike out to the end of the bill, and insert the following clauses: "And if the said John Ward Veazey, or any of his said deputies, agents or receivers, shall refuse or delay to comply, in any respect, with such request or demand of the said Peter Lawson, concerning the said books, accounts, papers, memorandums