

"Provided always, That this act be deemed, construed and understood, to extend only to debts or suits of money or tobacco due on contract, and not actions of slander, or to actions of trespass, or for assault or battery or imprisonment, or to such actions where the title or boundaries of land shall or may come in question." At the end of the last enacting clause insert the following words: "Excepting all proceedings instituted under the aforesaid two acts, and not finished.

"This act to continue and be in force until the end of the next session of assembly."

The bill for the more effectual punishment of criminals, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the following amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 9th line of the 15th page, after the word "forfeiture," insert "and costs." In the 2d line of the 16th page, after the word "forfeiture," insert "and costs." In the 2d line of the 22d page, after the word "reasonable," insert "and they may assess on Baltimore county any sum not exceeding two hundred pounds current money for that purpose, which shall be collected with the county assessment." After the word "assessment, in the 6th line of the 22d page, insert "and the said justices are hereby directed to publish in one of the Baltimore newspapers a statement of the money by them annually received and expended in virtue of this act, and to return a duplicate of said account or accounts annually to the general assembly at their November sessions." In the 2d line of the 25th page, before the word "court," insert "county." In the 13th line of the 29th page, strike out the word "Monday," and insert "Tuesday." Strike out the last word in the bill, and insert "three."

The senate adjourns until 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

The bill, entitled, An act to alter such part of the constitution and form of government as requires certain oaths to be taken by members of the general assembly, and electors of the senate, the bill, entitled, An act to repeal certain parts of an act, entitled, An act to prevent disabled and superannuated slaves being set free, or the manumission of slaves by any last will or testament, and of a supplementary act thereto, and for certain other purposes, the bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of holding the court of appeals, the bill, entitled, An act to authorise one justice of the peace to determine in case of small debts, and for other purposes therein mentioned, the bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual punishment of criminals, and the engrossed bill No. 35, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was endorsed, "read and assented to," and, with the before mentioned bills, sent to the house of delegates by Peregrine Tilghman, Esquire.

The bill, entitled, An act relating to writs of *capias ad satisfaciendum*, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. Strike out the word "of," after the word "case" in the 7th line. In the same line strike out the words "issued or to be," and insert "hath been or shall be issued." Strike out the word "is," in the 9th line, and insert "hath been or shall be." Strike out the words "shall not," in the 10th line, and insert "have elected, or shall elect not to." Strike out the word "is," in the 11th line, and insert "was or may be."

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1789.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to make inquiry whether the clerks of the several courts in this state, and the sheriffs of the several counties, have been punctual in rendering their accounts, and paying into the treasury all public money received by them in virtue of their offices, and that they order the bonds of those whom they find in default to be put in suit.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors confined in sundry gaols of this state, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 3d line of the 1st page strike out the words "Lavallin Barry," and in the two succeeding lines strike out the words "John Sigfried and Adam Bontz, of Frederick county." In the 7th line of the 1st page strike out the words "Isaac Redgrave, of Kent county." In the 15th and 16th lines strike out the names of "Lavallin Barry, John Sigfried, Adam Bontz," and in the last line of the page strike out the words "Isaac Redgrave." In the 5th and 6th lines of the 2d page strike out the words "Lavallin Barry, John Sigfried, Adam Bontz," and in the 7th line strike out the words "Isaac Redgrave." At the end of the bill insert the following clauses:

"And be it enacted, That any of the said debtors discharged by order of the said justices shall, for ever thereafter, be acquitted and discharged from all debts by him owing or contracted at any time before the time of such discharge; provided that any property thereafter acquired by such debtor by descent, or in his own right, by devise, bequest, or in the course of distribution, shall be liable to the payment of his debts.

"And be it enacted, That if any creditor of the aforesaid debtors shall, at any time within two years after the said debtors are discharged, shall allege in writing to the justices of the county court, in court sitting, where the said debtor resides, that such debtor hath directly or indirectly sold, lessened, or otherwise disposed of in trust or concealed, any part of his property of any kind, or any part of his debts, rights or claims, whereby to secure the same, or to receive or expect any profit, benefit or advantage thereby, or to deceive or defraud his creditors, the said court may thereupon examine such debtor on interrogatories, on oath or affirmation, for the discovery of his property, or any concealment thereof, and respecting his conduct touching the same, or the said justices may, in their discretion,