

"or his deputy." In the 4th and 11th lines of the 4th page strike out the words "or his deputy." In the 1st, 7th, and 13th lines of the 5th page, strike out the words "or his deputy." In the 3d, 8th, and 14th lines of the 6th page, strike out the words "or his deputy." In the 4th, 9th, and 14th lines of the 7th page, strike out the words "or his deputy." In the 4th and 9th lines of the 8th page strike out the words "or his deputy." After the word "packets" in the 10th line of the same page, insert the words "as may be directed." In the 3d line from the bottom of the same page strike out the words "and deputy sheriffs." At the end of the 3d line of the last page, insert the following sections: "And be it enacted, That every sheriff to whom such public letters or packets shall be delivered for any person or persons residing in the adjoining counties as aforesaid, shall, within the space of five days after the receipt thereof, deliver, or cause to be delivered the same, to the sheriff of the proper county, according to the directions herein before contained, or in default thereof every such sheriff shall suffer the penalties herein before prescribed for every refusal or neglect.

"And be it enacted, That if any sheriff shall be actually unable to perform his duties, by sickness or absence from the county at the time when any such public letters or packets shall be ready to be delivered, it shall then be lawful for his deputy sheriff, and he is hereby required and enjoined, to receive such public letters or packets, and to execute and perform the several duties concerning the same which are herein before required of his principal; and if any deputy sheriff, whose principal shall be unable to execute his office for the reasons aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to comply with the directions of this act, such deputy shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifteen pounds current money for every refusal or neglect.

"And be it enacted, That if the clerk of any county, in whose office the acts of the general assembly and the votes and proceedings shall be deposited in virtue of this act, shall deliver the same, or any of them, to any person or persons whatsoever, other than to him or them to whom they shall be directed, or to their orders in writing, such clerk shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds current money for every such delivery.

"And be it enacted, That the governor and council for the time being be requested to superintend the faithful execution of this act."

Agreeably to the order of the day, the senate assumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors confined in sundry gaols of this state, and the parties appearing and being heard, sundry amendments were proposed and agreed to; and thereupon the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the affirmative.

Amendments proposed. In the third line of the preamble, strike out the words "John Taylor, of Harford county." In the second line of the enacting clause, strike out the words "John Taylor." At the end of the bill insert the following clause: "But whereas it is alleged on the part of some of the creditors of the said Dennis Griffith, that it is suspected he hath been guilty of some fraud and embezzlement in the disposition of his estate to some pretended trustee for the use of his creditors; Be it enacted, That the chancellor, on the application of the said creditors, or some of them, shall have full power and authority to nominate and appoint three judicious and discreet persons of Anne-Arundel county, conversant in accounts, as commissioners to inquire into the truth of every such allegation, and to report a statement of the facts to the chancellor; and the said commissioners so appointed and accepting the trust reposed in them by virtue of this act, shall forthwith repair before the chancellor, by whom an oath or affirmation shall be administered to the said commissioners for the faithful execution of their trust, and thereupon the said commissioners shall fix upon a time and place for hearing the allegations of the parties, and shall give sufficient notice thereof by public advertisement, for the information of the creditors and all persons concerned; and the said commissioners shall accordingly meet at such time and place, and then and there hear, receive and examine, by all lawful ways and means, the allegations, proofs, books, papers and vouchers, of the parties, and make a distinct report of all and singular the facts appearing in the case, to the chancellor, with all convenient speed; and the chancellor shall thereupon determine upon the truth of the respective allegations, and if it shall appear that the said Dennis Griffith hath been guilty of any fraud, embezzlement or concealment of his property, with design to deceive or injure his creditors, or any of them, then the said Dennis Griffith shall receive no benefit or relief in virtue of this act; but if the chancellor shall be of a different opinion, then the said Dennis Griffith shall proceed to relieve himself according to the directions of the act to which this is a supplement, in the same manner as if this power had not been vested in the chancellor; and each of the said commissioners shall be entitled to receive, from the property of the said Dennis Griffith, at the rate of twenty shillings by the day for each day they shall be employed in this service."

The engrossed bills No. 15, 20, 21 and 22, were sent to the house of delegates, with the paper bills thereof, by Charles Carroll, Esquire.

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

F R I D A Y, December 10, 1790.

**T**HE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. James Carroll, Esquire, has leave of absence.

Mr. Amos, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to lay a further tax on Harford county to complete the public buildings of said county, thus endorsed; "By