

The bill, entitled, An act to enable Martha Howard, executrix of Benjamin Howard, late collector of the public taxes for one of the districts of Anne-Arundel county, and late sheriff of said county, and executrix of Joseph Howard, her late husband, one of the securities of the said Benjamin Howard, to collect the balances due to him as collector and sheriff as aforesaid, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. In the interlineation between the first and second lines of the 2d page, strike out "November," and insert "March."

Which, with the four last before-mentioned bills, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk of the senate.

The following message and resolution were prepared, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk of the senate.

By THE SENATE, DECEMBER 9, 1791.

GENTLEMEN,

THERE is reason to believe that there were very great abuses practised under the former acts for paying depreciation to officers and soldiers, and we are apprehensive the resolution of the 30th of last month will open a door to like frauds. We understand, that in many cases persons of no kin to deceased persons, and having no real claims on them, have administered on their estates merely to draw their certificates: We have framed a resolution to guard as much as possible against such abuses in future.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

By THE SENATE, DECEMBER 9, 1791.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer shall not pay any of the certificates granted, or to be granted, under the resolution of the 30th of November, 1791, respecting depreciation of pay, without the order of the governor and council, any thing in the said resolution to the contrary notwithstanding; and that the governor and council be requested to examine any person applying for the said certificates, and to give orders in favour of all persons appearing to be fairly entitled to the same, but to suffer none to issue without the clearest proof that the applicant is the person entitled to the same, in his own right, by being next of kin, or a real, not a pretended, creditor, administering on the estate of a deceased person.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

Benjamin Stoddert, Esquire, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An additional supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, December 10, 1791.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Brice T. B. Worthington, Esquire. James M'Henry, Esquire, appeared in the senate. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 24, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 8, 1791: 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.

On motion, ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Monday the 19th instant. And the bill, entitled, An act concerning the territory of Columbia and city of Washington, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 28, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 9, 1791: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendments proposed. Third page, 3d line of the enacting clause, after the word "hereby," insert "acknowledged to be." 4th page, 8th line from the bottom, after the word "Advertiser," insert "the Maryland Herald." Same page, 9th line, strike out the words "six weeks," and insert "three months."

Which were read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled, An additional supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The resolution respecting James Haynie, was read the second time and assented to.

Which bill and resolution were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk of the senate.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act to enable the inhabitants of Durham parish, in Charles county, to elect vestrymen and churchwardens for said parish, thus endorsed;

"By the house of delegates, December 9, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 10, 1791: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And