

less, that in the case of an infant no decree shall be made for a specific performance in virtue of this act, unless it shall appear that the guardian or guardians of the infant have consented thereto, or unless the chancellor shall be satisfied that such infant or infants will not be in any manner injured thereby."

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 21, 1791.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act to empower the justices of Cæcil county to straighten and amend the public roads in said county, and to levy the expences attending the same on the assessable property of said county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 15, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 17, 1791: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES; DECEMBER 19, 1791.

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be and he is hereby directed to adjust and liquidate the depreciation of pay of those officers who were in the immediate service of the state of Maryland and the United States during the late war, but did not complete the time of service limited by the act of congress of the 27th of May, 1778, and to issue a certificate for the same, to be lodged in the hands of the treasurer of the western shore, but not delivered to the persons who may be entitled to the same until the United States shall extend the time of subscribing the proportion allotted as this state's quota of the assumed debt, so as to admit the subscription of evidences of debts incurred during and on account of the late war, at whatever time the same may have been adjusted.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An additional supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 10, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 21, 1791: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendments proposed. Strike out the interlineation between the first and second lines of the enacting clause. Insert in the second line of the enacting clause, after the word "shore," the words "except Harford, Calvert, and Saint-Mary's counties."

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the bill, entitled, An act to erect and establish an insurance fire company in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 19, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 21, 1791: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The president communicates to the senate a letter from the president of the council, enclosing a letter from John Henry, Esquire, requesting information respecting the bank stock in the British funds; which were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by the clerk of the senate.

On progression in reading the second time the bill to continue and amend an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual punishment of criminals, the following amendment was proposed and agreed to: Strike out the words "remain in commission," in the 5th line of the 4th page, and insert "act as chief justice of the said court;" on which the question was put, That the said bill do pass? And the yeas and nays being called for, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

The honourable William Smallwood, Esquire, president, the honourable Benjamin Stoddert, William Tilghman, William Perry, William Hindman, George Dent, James Hollyday and James M<sup>r</sup>Henry, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

The honourable John Eager Howard, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Brice T. B. Worthington, Esquires.

So it was determined in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the house of delegates by the clerk of the senate.

The bill for the benefit of William Wirt, was read the second time, and the question was put, That the said bill do pass? And the yeas and nays being called for, appeared as follow: