

The president communicates to the senate a letter from his excellency the governor; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and, with the resolution respecting John Robertson, of Charles county, assented to with the proposed amendment, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk of the senate.

Amendment proposed. At the end of the resolution insert as follows: "Clear of commission and all other expences; and provided also, that before the issuing of the said certificate, the said John Robertson shall give bond to the state of Maryland, in a sum double the amount of the said certificate, with such security as the treasurer shall approve, conditioned for the indemnification of the state against all claims and demands of all persons whatever on account of any defect in the title of the said real property purchased by the said John Hoskin Stone; which said bond shall be a lien on the real estate of the obligors from the date thereof."

The bill, entitled, An act to alter and amend the act establishing a market at the market-house in Chester-town, Kent county, so far as the same respects the cordage of wood, was read the second time, passed with the proposed amendments, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk of the senate.

Amendments proposed. In the 5th line from the bottom, strike out the word "sell," and insert "buy." In the 3d line from the bottom, strike out the word "sold," and insert "bought." At the end of the bill, insert "which said forfeitures, when recovered, shall be laid out and expended in the manner prescribed by the act above mentioned."

The bill, entitled; A Further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the high court of chancery, was read the second time and passed with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. At the end of the bill insert, "And be it enacted, That if any person, having contracted for the sale of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, and not having conveyed the same, hath died, or shall die, without leaving an heir known of and capable of inheriting his real estate, it shall be lawful for the chancellor, upon a bill filed by the person entitled to the conveyance, and such notice being given in the public news-papers, or otherwise, as the chancellor shall direct, to decree that the legal title and estate shall be vested in the person entitled to such conveyance, according to the terms of the contract, and thereupon, and by virtue of such decree, such legal title and estate shall be transferred and vested accordingly; and if the person filing his bill as aforesaid shall not have paid the whole purchase money, the chancellor may order that such purchase money shall be paid, or secured in such manner as he shall think most safe and proper for the benefit of the legal representative of the person dying as aforesaid: Provided always, that if any person or persons, against whom any decree shall be made by virtue of this act, his, her or their heirs, devisees or representatives, or any person claiming under them, shall appear in the court of chancery at any time not exceeding eighteen calendar months from the time of making such decree, and request a review of the same, the chancellor, upon a bill filed by such person or persons, shall proceed to an examination of the matters in dispute, and to a final decree according to the equity of the case, in the same manner as if the said person or persons, or those under whom they claim, had originally appeared before him."

The resolution respecting surplus interest, was read the second time and dissented to.

The resolution in favour of John Eccleston, was read the second time and assented to.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 12, 1792.

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

The bill, entitled, A Further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the high court of chancery, was 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 arrange, regulate and discipline, the militia of this state, according to an act of the congress of the United States, entitled, An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 29, 1792: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 11, 1792: 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.

And also the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 11, 1792.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house was not inattentive to the impropriety of a legislative interference in common cases, where the laws of the land hold out the means of redress, but we were determined in the case of Thomas Handy Gillis by the very particular circumstances which attend it. It appeared to us that the estate of orphans was burthened with a heavy debt, rendered more oppressive by much accumulated interest; that a parole agreement had taken place between Joseph Gillis, the father, in his lifetime, and his sister Eleanor Handy, to whom the evidence of the debt above mentioned had been transferred, by which the principal of the debt would have been extinguished, and the whole interest saved. This agreement was not carried into effect, on account of the death of Joseph Gillis; but Eleanor Handy, now Wilson, from her regard and affection to her orphan relations, is still willing to