

to give up all the interest, and, by completing the contract, to take a piece of poor land of no more intrinsic value than the principal of the debt; and it occurred to us, that if she should die, her heir might not be found so indulgent; and that if she should survive, a tedious course of proceedings in chancery, yet the burthen of costs which must eventually fall on the orphans, already sufficiently straitened in their circumstances, might well be saved to them by the mode pointed out by this house. These facts, all being proved to our satisfaction, induced us to violate what we admit to be a rule founded on prudent caution, and which we shall be always found as unwilling as your honours to destroy in cases not founded on very peculiar circumstances; and these facts induce us to solicit again the attention of your honours to our bill, which we consider as an appeal to the humanity and benevolence of men of feeling and sensibility, who will always hold out assistance and support to the helpless and unprotected.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road to and from the mills of Joshua Askew, on the main falls of Patapsco river, in Anne-Arundel county, and the bill, entitled, An act to open a road from Shoal's mill (now the property of John Hood) to intersect the main or turnpike road leading from Baltimore-town through Liberty-town, at or below the branch of Benjamin Bennett's, was read the second time and passed.

The president communicates to the senate a petition from the visitors and governors of St. John's college, praying a relinquishment of the state's right to certain land therein mentioned; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and, with the two last mentioned bills, sent by the clerk of the senate.

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and, with the resolution respecting surplus interest, sent to the house of delegates by the clerk of the senate.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 12, 1792.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have dissented from your resolution of the fifth instant, respecting surplus interest, because it violates the appropriation of the three per cent. stock, and subjects the state to the payment of interest from the first of January, 1791. We should have no objection to a resolution empowering the trustee for the state to transfer the amount of the surplus interest to the several persons entitled to it, in three per cent. stock, after the existing appropriations are satisfied.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

The resolution in favour of Benjamin Cawood, was read the second time, assented to, and 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 prevent lotteries in Cecil county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 12, 1792: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

And a bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish a market in Fredericktown, in Frederick county, and for the regulation of the said market, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 12, 1792: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 13, 1792.

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, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish a market at Elkton, Cecil county, and for the regulation of the said market, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 13, 1792: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 13, 1792: Read the second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

And the bill, entitled, An act for securing certain estates and property for the support and uses of ministers of the Roman catholic religion, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 3, 1792: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 12, 1792: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendment proposed. In the 5th page, 3d line from the bottom, after the word "successor," insert, "subject nevertheless, at all times hereafter, to be taken into the valuation as other property liable to assessment."

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

And the bill, entitled, An act to declare the law in certain cases therein mentioned, thus endorsed;

"By the house of delegates, December 4, 1792: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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