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"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the severall public roads in severall counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 11, 1795: Read the first and second time by special order and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

And a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Watkins, of Montgomery county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 8, 1795: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

"By the house of delegates, December 11, 1795: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act directing the manner of suing out attachments in this province, and limiting the extent of them, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 11, 1795.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE cannot recede from our amendment to the act relative to attachments, mentioned in your message of this day as dissented to by the senate; as the provisions of this act enable the garnishee to plead and defend for the original debtor, it appears to us that the defence ought to be left as much at large as if the debtor was himself in court. Existing laws authorize this plea by a defendant in cases where the fact will sustain it, and when we are introducing a new regulation, by which a garnishee is substituted in his place, and intrusted with the conduct of his case, there seems to be an impropriety in precluding that full and complete defence which the defendant in person, or by attorney, would be competent to set up. The plea of limitations is not so likely to be abused by garnishees as by the defendants themselves; they have not the same inducement to rely upon it, and will not probably introduce it in cases where it cannot honestly be done. A variety of cases occur in practice, where, without this plea, an iniquitous claim might be successful, and as garnishees have little or no temptation to rest upon it for the purposes of injustice, we think the power of pleading it ought either to be committed to them or allowed to none.

We are not apprised of the reasons which have influenced the senate upon this occasion, and it is therefore possible, that had they been communicated, they might have been satisfactory to us; but, at present, we return the bill without receding from the amendment, in order that you may reconsider and assent to it.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Charles Goldsborough, Esquire, from the committee appointed to report amendments to the bill, entitled, An act to establish a bank, and incorporate the subscribers thereto, brings in and delivers the following amendments, which were read and agreed to.

Amendments proposed. First page, 4th line, strike out the words "three millions of," and insert "one million two hundred thousand." Same page, 7th line, strike out "two thousand six hundred" and insert "twelve hundred and forty." Same page, 8th line, strike out "three hundred" and insert "one hundred and twenty." Same page, 10th line, strike out "three hundred" and insert "one hundred and twenty." Same page, 12th line, strike out "three hundred" and insert "one hundred and twenty." Same page, 13th line, strike out from the word "for" to the word "shares" in the 14th line, and insert "one hundred and twenty." Same page, 15th line, strike out "three hundred" and insert "one hundred and twenty." Same page, 17th line, strike out "three hundred" and insert "one hundred and twenty." 2d page, 1st line, strike out "Samuel Sharpe," and insert "David Kerr." 2d page, 2d, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 16th and 18th lines, strike out the respective words "three hundred," and insert, in each of the said lines, in lieu thereof, "one hundred and twenty." 3d page, 1st, 3d and 5th lines, strike out the respective words "three hundred," and insert, in each of the said lines, in lieu thereof, "one hundred and twenty." 4th page, strike out from the word "as" in the 11th line to the word "therefor" in the 12th line, both inclusive. 8th page, strike out from the beginning of the 5th section to the word "instalment" in the 3d line from the bottom of the 9th page, and insert "And be it enacted, That the payments for said subscriptions shall be divided into two equal instalments, and the first instalment into three equal parts, and the first part of the first instalment shall be paid to the commissioners of Baltimore-town, previous to the election of directors, on or before a day to be fixed, whereof two months notice shall be given in at least two public gazettes printed in Baltimore-town, and one in Annapolis and Easton, respectively, and the remaining two thirds of the first instalment shall be paid to the directors, on a day by them to be appointed, of which two months notice shall be given in the gazettes aforesaid; and the second instalment shall be paid to the directors for the time being on or before the first Monday in December, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven." 10th page, 7th line, strike out the words "state bank of Maryland," and insert "bank of Baltimore." 11th page, 8th line, strike out the word "January" and insert "December." Same page, 11th line, strike out the word "January" and insert "December." 12th page, 1st line, strike out "subscriber" and insert "stockholder." 12th page, 4th line, strike out the following words: "The whole shares aforesaid shall be subscribed, and one third of the first instalment," and insert "three thousand shares shall be subscribed, and one hundred and fifty thousand dollars." 12th page, 2d line from the bottom, strike out the word "forthwith," and insert "as soon as three hundred thousand dollars