

"By the house of delegates, December 17, 1795: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

And a bill, entitled, An act to empower William Goldsmith to collect the balances due him as sheriff and collector of Anne-Arundel county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 17, 1795: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance of the members of the general assembly, with the following message thus endorsed; "Read and agreed to nemine contradicente.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 17, 1795.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have returned you the bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance of the members of the general assembly, for your reconsideration. The increased price of the necessaries of life, and the actual expenditures of the members, exceeds the existing allowance, with every attention to oeconomy in the management thereof. We are conscious that our constituents neither wish or require a pecuniary sacrifice on the part of their delegates in their necessary attendance on the duties incident to their appointment, and we are of opinion that the situation of our public funds neither exacts or justifies such a degree of parsimony. The enlargement of the per diem is barely commensurate to the exigencies under which it originated.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for enlarging the capital of this state in the Patowmack company, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the payments to be made by the treasurer of the western shore for the forty shares he is directed by said act to subscribe for on behalf of this state in the augmented capital of said company, shall be in ten equal instalments, to be paid at such times as the president and directors of said company shall require, subject to the following restrictions; that is to say, the first instalment shall not be paid until the president of said company shall certify, in writing, to the said treasurer, that sixty shares, (exclusive of the forty to be subscribed for on behalf of the state,) have been subscribed for in said augmented capital, at the rate of five hundred and seventy-seven dollars and seventy ninetieths of a dollar per share; and no subsequent instalment shall be paid until the said president shall certify, in writing, to the said treasurer, that payments have been made upon each and every of said sixty shares equal to the preceding payments that shall have been made on each of the shares subscribed for on behalf of the state, any thing in the act to which this is a supplement to the contrary notwithstanding. And be it enacted, That if any subscriber to the said augmented capital of the said company shall, at any time, be in arrear for any instalment or proportion of the amount of his subscription, it shall be lawful for the president and directors of the said company, or a majority of them in the name of the said company, to recover, at any time, any such instalment or proportion from such subscriber in the general court, or the county court of the county in which he shall reside, together with all legal costs, by way of motion to the court, provided the person against whom such motion may be made hath ten days previous notice thereof; provided also, that if the person against whom such motion may be made, or his attorney, shall desire a jury to be empannelled, the court shall direct a jury to be immediately charged to try whether he did assume to pay, and whether he hath paid, but the said president and directors shall not be required to prove that he did so assume, until he shall have first made oath that he did not so assume; and it shall be lawful for the said court to direct judgment to be entered on the verdict rendered, with costs, and execution shall issue thereupon, returnable to any day of the session of the same court which the said court shall direct."

Richard Sprigg, junior, Esquire, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to establish an inspection of flour and salted provisions in the city of Washington; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 17, 1795.

Whereas the late Benedict Calvert, about the year seventeen hundred and seventy, commenced actions of ejectment against the purchasers of Anne-Arundel manor, in Anne-Arundel county, which suits were defended by the said purchasers, under an agreement to contribute so much per acre for the lands they respectively held, and in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-two, after a very heavy expence incurred, the said cause was determined in the court of appeals in favour of the said purchasers: And whereas the right of this state to four lots of land lying within the said manor became ascertained by the decision aforesaid: And whereas it is but reasonable and just that the state should contribute to the expences of said suit in proportion to the number of acres by her held within said manor, and which, since the determination of said suit, hath been sold as confiscated property; RESOLVED, That the auditor be authorised, and he is hereby authorised and directed, to liquidate and ascertain the sum due from this state on account of the defence of said suit, upon the same principles and in the same proportion as the respective purchasers and tenants on Anne-Arundel manor have contributed, and that the treasurer pay the amount of the sum so liquidated and ascertained