Amendment proposed. In the 11th line of the 2d page, after the word "Maryland" insert the words " and provided also, that the lands which shall be acquired by and vested in the said corporation by virtue of this act, shall not exceed in the whole the quantity of three hundred acres."

On motion, ORBERED, That the bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, be made the order of

The bill, entitled, An act to authorife the railing a fum of money by lottery to complete and finish a house of public worship in Baltimore county, was read the second time and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 2d line of the 2d page strike out the word "second" and insert the word "first." In the same line strike out the word "October" and insert "August." In the same page, 3d line, strike out the word "fourth" and insert the word "second." in the 4th line of the same page strike out the word "second" and insert the word "fourth." In the same line strike out the word "November" and insert the word "October." In the 5th line of the same page firske out the word "fourth" and insert "second." In the 9th line of the same page strike out the word "third" and insert the word "second." In the 10th line of the same page strike out the first "February" and insert the word "May." In the same line strike out the word "August" and infert " November." In the same line strike out the word "first" and infert the word "second." In the 9th line of the 4th page, after the word "and" infert "may also in court fitting." In the 11th line of the same page strike out the words "in or out of court," and also the same words "in or out of court," at the end of the line. In the 12th line of the same page strike out the word "fitting." At the end of the same page insert "And be it enacted, That all acknowledgments of deeds hereafter made for the conveyance of land before any chief justice of a district within his district, or any affociate justice within his county, shall be as good and valid in law as if the same were made before any judge of the general court, or before two justices of the peace, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding." In the 7th line of the 5th page strike out the word "same" and insert the words "said original books in writing." In the 11th line of the 7th page, after the word "parties" insert "at the discretion of the court." At the end of the 7th line or the 9th page add "until the sheriff or coroner of the county where such defendant shall reside shall have returned a non est inventus on a capias ad respondendum, or capias ad satisfaciendum, issued at the request of the faid person against the said defendant." At the bottom of the same page insert "provided always, nothing in this act contained shall extend to the benefit or advantage of any person who shall fly from justice in the county where they live, but that such persons may be arrested in any county wherever they may be found." At the end of the 16th page insert "And, whereas some of the county courts may stand adjourned to a period subsequent to the time above specified for holding said courts, Be it enacted, That the faid courts, so adjourned, shall and they are hereby adjourned to the Monday next preceding the days above mentioned for holding the said courts respectively." In the 3d line of the 20th page strike out the words "ca a" and insert "capias ad satisfaciendum."

On motion, Ordered, That the order of this day be made the order of the day for to-

On motion, ORDERED, That the honourable Littleton Dennis, Esquire, be added to the committee for the examination of engrolled bills, in the place of the honourable John S. Purnell, Esquire, who is absent.

The resolution in savour of the methodist society was read the second time and dissented from.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to.

BY THE S E N A I E, DECEMBER 22, 1796.

Gentlemen,

WE have differted from your resolution in favour of the methodist society, as not containing fuch provisions as we think adequate to secure the repayment of the money loaned. We herewith fend to your house a form of a resolution to which we will assent, if it should originate with you.

A. VAN-HORN, clk. By order, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed to advance on loan to Jesse Hollingsworth, Philip Rogers and Emanuel Kent, the sum of eight thousand. dollars, to be applied for rebuilding and completing the academy in Baltimore-town lately confumed by fire, to be repaid at the expiration of five years, to commence from the receipt of the money, on the truftees of the faid academy producing to the governor and council a good and complete title to, and executing a mortgage of, the faid property to the state, for securing the repayment of the said advance at the time aforesaid, and giving security, to be approved by the treasurer, for the application of said money to the improvement of said academy.

The senate adjourns until 5 o'clock.

## MERIDIEM. P O S

The senate met.

The bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the removal of the seat of justice from Melville's warehouse to Pig Point, in Caroline county, the bill, entitled, An act to correct a missioner in an act, entitled, An act concerning the bank stock, the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Roman catholic congregation worshipping at the church of St. Mary, in the vicinity of Bryan-town, in Charles county, the bill, entitled, An act to authorife the raising a sum of money by lottery to complete and finish a house of public worship in Baltimore