

in the respective counties of Caroline and Dorchester, returnable to the second and fourth Mondays in March next, respectively, shall be returnable and returned to the first and third Mondays in the same month; and all causes, pleas and proceedings, civil and criminal, returnable to, and depending before, the said county courts of Caroline and Dorchester counties at the respective times of their last adjournments, shall be returned and continued to the first and third Mondays in March next, in the same counties respectively, in the same manner as if the said causes, pleas and proceedings, had been regularly continued to the said respective times appointed by this act by the several county courts of Caroline and Dorchester aforesaid."

The bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Elizabeth Goodrick, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 5th line, after the word "children," insert "named Elizabeth Goodrick." After the word "she" in the same line insert "the said idiot."

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

T U E S D A Y, December 5, 1797.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Mr. Grahame appeared in the senate. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to alter the times of holding the county courts in the several counties therein mentioned, with the amendments thereto, and the bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Elizabeth Goodrick, with the amendments thereto, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act relative to certain erroneous patents, was read the second time and will not pass, and was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Harford county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 9th line, after the word "his" insert the word "said." In the 16th line after the first words "of the" insert the word "said."

The bill, entitled, An act to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties therein mentioned, was read the second time and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to empower the justices of the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time and will not pass.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act relative to lands devised, where there are no known heirs, or the heirs are aliens, be committed to Mr. Hammond, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Purnell, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of William Whittington, of Worcester county, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the word "Whittington" in the fourth line to the word "under" in the sixth line, and insert, "in case the said John should die before his arrival to lawful age, and without issue, which said limitation took effect, and the title in the said tract of land became vested in the said Southy Littleton Whittington by the death of the said John during his minority, and without issue: And whereas it is represented, that the said Southy Littleton Whittington fled to the British during the late war, by reason whereof the said tract of land became liable to confiscation."

The president communicates to the senate a petition on behalf of the George-town bridge company, praying that an act may pass authorising them to charge and receive for passing the bridge erected by them over the river Patowmack tolls not exceeding the rates of ferrriage at George-town on all articles except waggons and carts; which was read.

On motion, Mr. Forrest delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for erecting a bridge over Patowmack river; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The president communicates to the senate a petition on behalf of the heirs of the reverend Hamilton Bell, late of Somerset county, praying that a law may pass authorising the sale of certain lands for their education; which was read, and, on motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Dennis, Mr. Hammond and Mr. Purnell, be a committee to consider and report thereon.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 6, 1797.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Harford county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, with the amendments thereto, the bill, entitled, An act to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties therein mentioned, the bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, and the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of William Whittington, of Worcester county, with the amendments thereto, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent the going at large of swine within five miles of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

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