

the message respecting the examination of engrossed bills, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Nicholas Sluby, of the city of Baltimore, be committed to Mr. Hammond and Mr. M'Mechen to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the German evangelical reformed church in the city of Baltimore, and the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the presbyterian church in the city of Baltimore, be committed to Mr. Hammond and Mr. M'Mechen to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act to discontinue the donations to Washington college, be committed to Mr. Dennis, Mr. Hammond and Mr. Forrest, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to prohibit the raising of geese and swine within the limits of the town of St. Michael's, in Talbot county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 7, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
"By the house of delegates, December 12, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.
"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

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 a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Phebe Martin and Priscilla Martin, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 6, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
"By the house of delegates, December 11, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.
"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read, and, on motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Grahame and Mr. Chesley be a committee to consider and report thereon.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 11, 1797.

RESOLVED, That the claim of John Eccleston, of Dorchester county, be referred to the auditor to settle, and that in such settlement the auditor charge the said Eccleston fifteen shillings per acre for lot No. 3 of the Nanticoke Indian lands, clear of dispute, purchased by him from the state; and that the treasurer of the western shore pay unto said Eccleston any sum which may be found due to him upon such settlement.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
Which was read, and, on motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Hammond and Mr. Dorsey be a committee to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act to authorize a lottery for repairing and completing the church and chapel in Shrewsbury parish, and for the sale of the glebe-lands belonging to the same in Kent county, be committed to Mr. Carroll and Mr. Hammond to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act to alter the mode of collecting the county tax in Cecil county, be committed to Mr. Campbell and Mr. Thomas to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act authorizing the levy court of Somerset county to levy a sum of money on the assessable property of the said county for building a prison in the county, and other purposes therein mentioned, be committed to Mr. Dennis and Mr. Purnell to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the resolution for investing sixty-six thousand dollars in the bank of Baltimore be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

The following message was prepared, read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 12, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

FROM the understanding which the senate have of the business depending at present in both branches of the legislature, they are of opinion that the session may close, without prejudice to the public, on Saturday the twenty-third instant. They therefore propose to rise on that day, and flatter themselves it will be agreeable to the house of delegates to concur with this proposition.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.
The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y; December 13, 1797.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act respecting certain lots westward of Fort Cumberland erroneously transferred, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 2, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
"By the house of delegates, December 13, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.
"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

And a bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy a sum of money on the assessable property thereof for the purpose of building a new gaol in said