

said county, 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."

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

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act respecting certain lots westward of Fort Cumberland erroneously transferred, be committed to Mr. Carroll, Mr. Dennis and Mr. Dorsey, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled, An act declaring a road in the upper part of Baltimore county a public highway, and for keeping the same in repair, was read the second time and will not pass.

On motion, Mr. Grahame delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the several public roads in several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 13, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have rejected the bill, entitled, An act declaring a road in the upper part of Baltimore county a public highway, and for keeping the same in repair, as not containing sufficient certainty in the designation of the road requiring repair. We have originated and passed a bill which we think calculated to effect the object contemplated in the one rejected, which we hope will receive your approbation.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 13, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

IN answer to your message of yesterday we must observe, that we are equally solicitous with your body to put an end to the present session, but are not prepared to determine the precise period of its termination.

Many subjects, important in their nature, must at all events be taken into consideration during the present session, and we think it impossible to say what length of time their deliberation may require. As the senate seem to have an understanding of the business that must necessarily occupy the attention of the legislature, we would here suggest the propriety of their lending an assisting hand in moulding it into form. However, when we are prepared to close the session the senate may be assured due notice shall be given them.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 13, 1797.

RESOLVED, That the chancellor of this state be requested, and he is hereby authorized and requested, to examine the petition of John Gale, Levin Winder and Isaac Atkinson, George Atkinson and George Aires, representatives of Elizabeth Atkinson, presented to the legislature at this present session, and to report the facts existing in the case, and the sums of money or certificates which the parties, or any of them, are entitled to from the state.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which said message and resolution were severally read, and the resolution ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act declaring the road therein mentioned a public road, was read the second time and will not pass.

On motion, Mr. Purnell delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act declaring a certain road in Worcester county a public highway; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 13, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

UPON consideration of the bill sent from your house, entitled, An act declaring the road therein mentioned a public road, we have conceived that the last provision of it might, in future, after considerable expence by the county, defeat a road which nothing ought to induce us to establish a public highway but a certainty of its public utility and convenience. We have therefore rejected that bill, and have originated and passed another, entitled, An act declaring a certain road in Worcester county a public highway, upon the same subject, in which we have endeavoured to secure compensation to all persons, infants and others, whose interest may be prejudiced by opening the road.

The bill passed by the senate is herewith transmitted, and we hope will gain your assent.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Mr. Hammond, from the committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Nicholas Sluby, of the city of Baltimore, was committed, reported the said bill with amendments.

On motion, the senate took up the second reading of the said bill, and passed the same with the following amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 8th line of the 1st page, after the word "his" insert "foreign." In the 14th line of the same page, after the word "petition" insert "in writing." In the 4th line from the bottom of the same page, after the word "debts" insert "the said schedule comprehending distinct and separate lists of all the property and debts belonging to him in his own right, and of all property and debts belonging to his co-partnership." In the 3d line from the bottom of the same page strike out from the word "direct" to the word "in" in the following line; and insert "notice of such application to be given and published." In the 3d line of the 2d page, after the word "behalf" insert "and on the appearance