

appearance of the said creditors, or on their neglect to appear on notice as aforesaid, the chancellor shall administer to the said Nicholas Sluby the following oath: I, Nicholas Sluby, do swear, that I will deliver up, convey and transfer to my creditors, in such manner as the chancellor shall direct, all my property that I have or claim any title to, or interest in, at this time, and all debts, rights, claims and credits, which I have or am any way entitled to, in possession, reversion or remainder, as well in my own right as in co-partnership with any other person or persons; and that I have not, directly or indirectly, at any time, sold, conveyed, leased or disposed of, for the use or benefit of any person or persons, or intrusted, any part of my money, or other property aforesaid, debts, rights or claims, thereby to defraud my creditors, or any of them, or to secure the same to receive or expect any profit, benefit or advantage thereby." In the 4th line of the 2d page, after the word "appear" insert "and recommend a trustee or trustees." In the 10th line of the same page, after the word "mixed" strike out the words "except as before excepted." In the 11th line of the 5th page strike out from the word "therefrom" to the word "or" in the 13th line of the same page. Strike out from the word "creditors" in the 4th line of the 6th page to the word "or" in the following line. In the 5th line from the bottom of the 6th page strike out the word "sued." In the last line of the 6th page, after the word "motion" strike out to the end of the clause, and insert "and if the said Nicholas Sluby shall be sued, arrested or imprisoned, on any mesne process, for the recovery of any debts or damages, contracted, owing, or growing due before the passing of this act, the court before whom such process shall be returned shall and may discharge the said Nicholas Sluby out of custody, on his common appearance being entered, without any special bail." In the 3d line of the 7th page strike out from the word "act" to the word "unless" in the 5th line of the same page.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act authorising the justices of 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, 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 15th line of the 1st page, after the word "commissioners" insert the words "or a majority of them." In the 9th line of the 2d page strike out the words "seven and a half" and insert "six." In the same line, after the word "collection" insert the words "of the same." In the 14th line of the 4th page strike out the words "seven and a half" and insert "six." In the 12th line of the 5th page strike out the words "seven and a half" and insert "six." In the same line, after the word "collection" insert the words "for the same."

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 13, 1797.

Whereas a warrant of proclamation hath issued from the land-office of the western shore in the names of James Earle, Samuel Brown, William Stoddert Bond and Peregrine Fitzhugh, to affect a certificate of survey of a tract of land called Bone's Meadows, lying in Allegany county: And whereas John Ayres and Maria Ayres, infant children of James Ayres, of Talbot county, deceased, have an interest in three eighths of said warrant, and the land to be affected thereby, and it is the wish of this general assembly to protect the interests of said infants, in consideration of the military services of their father, by suffering the composition money on their part of said land to be bonded for, RESOLVED, That the surveyor of Allegany county be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, in the execution of the aforesaid warrant of proclamation, to locate and make out two certificates of survey, the one in the names of John Ayres and Maria Ayres, infants, of Talbot county, including three eighths of said tract of land, of equal quality with the residue, and one other certificate including the remaining five eighths of said tract of land in the names of James Earle, Samuel Brown, William Stoddert Bond and Peregrine Fitzhugh, and that the plot and certificate returned in the names of John Ayres and Maria Ayres, and their interest in said land, shall not be liable to be affected by any proclamation or other warrant until after the end of the next session of assembly; and that the time for making the returns of said certificates be extended three months beyond the time allowed by law; and that upon return of the said certificate in the name of John and Maria Ayres, that William Stoddert Bond, executor of James Ayres, shall be allowed to pass his bonds, with such security as the treasurer of the western shore shall approve, for the payment of the composition money due or arising due on the said certificate of John and Maria Ayres, in three equal and annual instalments, with interest, and that upon such bonds being passed, the register of the land-office be instructed to issue patent on the same lands to the infants aforesaid, according to the intention of the petition, such lands to be subject to the repayment to said Bond, or his heirs, of all monies paid by him more than received by him from their said father's estate.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 14, 1797.

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

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, the 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; the message respecting the said bills, the bill, entitled, An act declaring the road therein mentioned a public road, the bill, entitled, An act declaring a certain road in Worcester county a public highway, the message respecting the two last mentioned bills, the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit