

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following message, and the bill therein mentioned.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 14, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have thought proper to return you 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. This bill is intended for the relief of James Britton and Alice Britton, of Anne-Arundel county, they being real objects of compassion, from their extreme age, infirmities and indigence; and as general rules are not without exceptions, from the peculiar circumstances attending this case, we hope you will not insist on a rigid adherence to the intimations contained in your message of the 9th instant, and on reconsideration will pass said bill.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read, and, on motion, ORDERED, That the said message and bill be committed to Mr. Dennis and Mr. Thomas to consider and report the facts existing in the case of the petitioners therein mentioned.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, An act to open a road from Pratt-street extended, through the land of James Carroll till it intersects the road leading to Elk-Ridge Landing, and to shut up and stop all those parts of the old Frederick and Garrison roads therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 24, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 14, 1797: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the seventh line from the top of the first page strike out the word "twenty" and insert "thirty." After the word "Carroll" in the sixth line of same page insert "at the expence of the said James Carroll."

Which said amendments were read and agreed to by the senate, and the said bill ordered to be engrossed.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for erecting a bridge over Patowmack river, 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 14, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Ordered that the said bill be engrossed.

On motion, Mr. McMechen delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Somerset library company, was committed, reported the said bill with amendments.

Mr. Grahame, from the committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Phebe Martin and Priscilla Martin, was committed, reported the said bill with amendments.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act respecting certain lots westward of Fort Cumberland erroneously transferred, was committed, reported the said bill with amendments.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to lay off and open a certain public road in Talbot county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 14, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 15, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read, and, on motion, ORDERED, That the said bill be committed to Mr. Campbell and Mr. Hammond to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act authorising the establishment of a new ferry in Somerset county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 14, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 15, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 15, 1797.

Whereas by a resolve of the last general assembly Walter Bowie, Levi Gantt, Benjamin Lowndes and Thomas Duckett, of Prince-George's county, William Harwood and Edward Hall, of Edward, of Anne-Arundel county, and Charles Wallace and James Williams, of the city of Annapolis, were authorized and empowered to examine the situation of the country between the city of Washington and the city of Annapolis, and ascertain and determine the direction and position of the nearest, most convenient and practicable road that could be laid off between the said places, and report the same, with a plot thereof, to the next general assembly: And whereas the said commissioners have undertaken and completed the same, and returned a plot of the said road to the general assembly; and the expence attending the execution of surveying, laying down and plotting the said road, amounting to the sum of four hundred and sixty-seven dollars thirty-three cents, RESOLVED, That the respective counties of