

Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's are hereby authorized and empowered to levy the sum of eighty-three dollars forty-one cents on their respective counties, in addition to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars already directed to be levied on the said counties, for defraying the expence aforesaid.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 16, 1797.

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

The resolution for investing sixty-six thousand dollars in the bank of Baltimore, the bill, entitled, An act to alter the times of holding the county courts of Caroline and Dorchester counties, and the memorial of Jeremiah Townley Chase, Esquire, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion, Mr. Hammond delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to secure the collection of the duties imposed upon marriage licences, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Chesley have leave of absence till Tuesday next.

On motion, Mr. M'Mechen delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act respecting the slaves of certain French subjects, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read, and, on motion, ORDERED, That the said bill be committed to Mr. Hammond, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. M'Mechen, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Purnell has leave of absence.

On motion, the senate took up the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Phebe Martin and Priscilla Martin, and passed the same with the following amendments.

Amendments proposed. Strike out the words "took up" in the 9th line, page 1, and insert "affected by warrant." Strike out from the word "law," 1st line, 2d page, to the end of the bill, and insert "empowering the chancellor of the state of Maryland to direct a patent to issue for the lands so affected by warrant, in the same manner he might or could do provided the said John Martin had at the time of his death been a citizen of this state. Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the chancellor of this state be authorized and empowered to direct a patent to issue to and in the name of the said Priscilla Martin, of and for the lands above mentioned, in the same manner he might or could have done agreeably to the laws of this state in case the said John Martin had been, at the time of his death, a citizen of this state; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed in any manner to affect any right or claim to the said property acquired by any person or persons before the passage of this act."

The bill, entitled, An act to secure the collection of the duties imposed upon marriage licences, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The senate adjourns until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 18, 1797.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Chesley and Mr. Purnell, who had leave of absence. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The president communicates to the senate a memorial from the commissioners of the federal buildings in the city of Washington, submitting to the legislature the propriety of granting them another loan to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or such lesser sum as may consist with the finances of the state; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

On motion, the senate took up the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Somerset library company, and passed the same with the following amendment.

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "country" in the 2d line of the first page to the end of the preamble, and insert "have a beneficial influence in promoting the interest and happiness of mankind: And whereas many liberal minded persons of Somerset county have contributed large sums of money for the purchase of valuable books, and have formed themselves into a society, by the name of The Somerset Library Company, and prayed that a law may pass creating them one body politic and corporate for ever, therefore."

On motion, the senate took up the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act respecting certain lots westward of Fort Cumberland erroneously transferred. The following amendments were proposed.

Amendments proposed. In the 3d line of the 1st page strike out the word "records" and insert the word "returns." In the 5th line of the same page strike out the word "returned" and insert the word "made." In the 12th line of the same page strike out the word "records" and insert "returns." In the same line strike out the word "returned" and insert "made." In the 14th line of the 1st page strike out "erase" and insert "by erasing." In the 16th line of the same page strike out "insert" and insert "by inserting." In the same line of the same page strike out "erase" and insert "by erasing." In the last line of the same page strike out "insert" and insert "by inserting." In the 1st line of the 2d page strike out "erase" and insert "by erasing." In the 2d line of the same page strike out "insert" and insert "by inserting." In the 3d line of the same page strike out "erase" and insert "by erasing." In the 5th line of the same page strike out "insert" and insert "by inserting." In the same line of the same page strike out "erase" and insert "by erasing." In the 7th line of the same page strike out "insert" and insert "by inserting." In the 8th line of the same page strike out "erase" and insert "by erasing." In the 10th line of the same page strike out "insert" and insert "by inserting." In the 11th line of the same page strike out "erase" and insert "by erasing." In the 12th line of the same page