

named is in an advanced stage of the dropsy, and in a situation that will not admit of her being removed to the poor house, without endangering her life; they do therefore report the said bill with an amendment.

By order,

W. S. GREEN, clk.

Which was read and concurred with, and thereupon it was moved and agreed, that the senate do reconsider the said bill; and upon the reconsideration thereof the same was passed with the following amendment.

Amendment proposed. In the 5th line of the 1st page, after the word "that" strike out to the word "and" in the 6th line of the same page, and insert "they are both upwards of eighty years of age and very infirm, and that the said Alice is in such an advanced stage of the dropsy as to be incapable of being removed to the poor-house of the said county without endangering her life."

The bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Bennett Thompson, son of Elizabeth Thompson, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 9th line of the 1st page strike out from the word "useless" to the end of the section, and insert "and praying that a law may pass for the support and maintenance of her said son out of the poor's house, and the prayer of the said petitioner appearing reasonable; therefore." In the 3d line of the 2d page strike out from the word "Thompson" to the word "and," being the fifth word in the fourth line of the same page.

The bill, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of wolves and crows in the several counties therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. In the 11th line of the 3d page strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "eight."

The senate adjourns until 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Thomas be added to the committee for examining engrossed bills. Mr. Chesley has leave of absence.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 20, 1797.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Chesley, who had leave of absence. The proceedings of yesterday were read:

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, with the amendment thereto, the bill, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of wolves and crows in the several counties therein mentioned, with the amendment thereto, the bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Bennett Thompson, son of Elizabeth Thompson, with the amendments thereto, and the memorial of the commissioners of the federal buildings in the city of Washington, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee appointed to consider and report on the bill, entitled, An act to alter the mode of collecting the county tax in Cecil county, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The said bill was then read the second time and will not pass.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of monies received by sheriffs and collectors, be committed to Mr. Hammond, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Dennis, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled, An act authorizing the establishment of a new ferry in Somerset county, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 13th line of the 3d page, after the word "bailiwick" insert "not interested in the said lands, nor related to the parties, to appear." In the 16th line of the same page strike out the word "declared" and insert "assessed."

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to secure the possessions and property of certain foreigners who have settled within this state, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 29, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 20, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read, and, on motion, ORDERED, That the said bill be committed to Mr. Hammond and Mr. M'Mechen 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 make compensation to certain commissioners, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 20, 1797: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to appoint a trustee in the place of John Cradock, of Baltimore county, who is dead, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

The president communicates to the senate a petition signed by a number of inhabitants of Frederick county, praying that a law may pass authorizing the opening a road from Middle-town to New-town,