

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the members of the library company of Baltimore, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 15, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.  
"By the house of delegates, December 21, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."  
And a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Washington county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 19, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.  
"By the house of delegates, December 21, 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.

Mr. Hammond, from the committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act relative to lands devised, where there are no known heirs, or the heirs are aliens, was committed, reported the said bill with an amendment.

On motion, the senate then took up the second reading of the said bill, and passed the same with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "is" in the 5th line to the end of the bill, and insert as follows: "Provided, that in all actions brought by certain creditors for the recovery of debts due by persons dying seized of lands and tenements, and devising the same by their wills and testaments, the devisees and heirs at law shall be joined by virtue of the said statute; and there being no provision therein for cases where there are no heirs, or where the heirs at law, or any of them, are aliens, or unknown, or nonresidents of this state, doubts are entertained whether in such cases creditors can have remedy at law; Be it enacted by the general assembly of Maryland, That in all and every case where any person hath died, or shall die, seized of lands, tenements or hereditaments, and shall have devised, or shall devise the same in any lawful manner whatsoever, not leaving any heir or heirs, or leaving any heir or heirs at law not being citizens or residents of this state, in all and every such case it shall and may be lawful for any creditor or creditors of every such devisor to have and maintain his, her or their action and actions against the devisee or devisees to whom such lands, tenements or hereditaments, may be devised, without joining the heir or heirs at law in any such action or actions; and such creditor or creditors shall and may have remedy by virtue of this act against such devisee or devisees alone, and against the lands, tenements and hereditaments, so devised, in such like cases, and under such circumstances, as such creditor or creditors might or could have remedy under the said statute, where the heir or heirs at law could or should be joined in such action or actions, according to the directions of the said statute."

The report on the memorial of John Holbrook and Leah Beall was read the second time and concurred with.

Mr. Hammond, from the committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act to lay off and open a certain public road in Talbot county, was committed, reported the said bill without amendments.

The said bill was then read and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Jemima Thompson, was read the second time by special order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "and" in the 8th line of the 1st page to the word "prays" in the 10th line of the same page.

Mr. Hammond, from the committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the German evangelical reformed church in 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 proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the last line of the 2d page strike out the word "choose" and insert "elect." In the 2d line of the 3d page strike out the word "choice" and insert "election." In the same line strike out the word "choose" and insert "elect." In the 4th line of the same page strike out the word "choice" and insert "election." In the 5th line of the same page strike out the word "chosen" and insert the word "elected." In the 4th line of the 4th page, after the word "concerns," at the end of the clause, add "provided always, that such rules and by-laws be not contrary to the constitution and laws of this state."

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to straighten and amend the several public roads in several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time by special order and will pass.

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

F R I D A Y, December 22, 1797.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of monies levied or received by sheriffs and collectors, the bill, entitled, An act relative to lands devised, where there are no known heirs, or the heirs are aliens, with the amendment thereto, the bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Jemima Thompson, with the amendment thereto, the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the German evangelical reformed church in the city of Baltimore, with the amendments thereto, the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to straighten and amend the several public roads in several counties, and