

T U E S D A Y, December 26, 1797.

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

The bill, entitled, An act for erecting a bridge over the Eastern Branch, or Anna-costia river, was read the second time and will pass.

On motion, Mr. Dorsey delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the direction of sheriffs and coroners in the return of jurors, and for the better regulation of juries; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to alter and repeal so much of the constitution and form of government as requires property as a qualification for voters at elections, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 5, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 25, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and will not pass, and was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to relinquish the right of this state to the land therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 26, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 26, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

Mr. Hammond, from the committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act to secure the possessions and property of certain foreigners who have settled within this state, was committed, reported the said bill without amendment.

On motion, the said bill was read the second time and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to make a temporary allowance to the judges of the general court, in addition to their permanent salaries, was read the second time and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to lay a tax on Cæcil county to complete the public buildings of the said county, was read the second time and will pass.

On motion, the senate proceeded to reconsider the bill, entitled, An act to appoint a trustee in the place of John Cradock, of Baltimore county, who is dead, and passed the same.

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent hogs from going at large in the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, was read the second time and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to alter and amend a certain erroneous patent, was read the second time and will not pass.

On motion, Mr. Hammond delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the issuing of a patent to Jacob Haynes, of Washington county; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 26, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate being unwilling to countenance the alteration of records in every instance where such a measure can be avoided, and more especially where a desirable object can be attained by less exceptionable means, have rejected the bill for altering and amending a certain erroneous patent. But understanding that the case of the petitioner therein mentioned is entitled to relief, the senate have originated a bill in his favour, which we presume will meet with your concurrence.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to alter and repeal those parts of the constitution and form of government that make the commissioners of Baltimore-town judges of the elections for delegates, and for elector of the senate, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 26, 1797: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act to regulate constables fees, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 21, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 26, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 26, 1797.

RESOLVED, That the time required by the existing laws for making returns of certificates upon surveys be extended for the space of six months beyond the period now limited by the acts of assembly in such cases made and provided; and that upon the return of such certificates respectively, it shall and may be lawful for the parties interested therein, or some of them, to enter into bond to this state, with such sufficient securities, as the treasurer of the western or eastern shore, as the case may be, shall approve, for the payment of the composition due in three equal and annual instalments, together with interest thereon from the respective times of returning such certificates, or on default thereof the lands affected thereby shall be liable to be sold, and if the money arising from such sale be insufficient to pay the