

F R I D A Y, December 29, 1797.

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

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal certain acts of assembly which authorise the associate justices to grant ordinary and retailing licences during the recess of their respective courts, and for other purposes, the bill, entitled, An act to prohibit the driving of cattle into Allegany county, the bill, entitled, An act to regulate constables fees, the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act respecting certificates of surveys made on the eastern shore, with the amendment thereto; and the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An additional supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The senate then took up the reconsideration of the bill, entitled, An act to alter the mode of collecting the county tax in Cecil county, and passed the same with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the fourth line of the 1st page strike out the words "the said" and insert "Cecil." Strike out from the word "thereafter" in the 5th line of the 1st page to the end of the enacting clause, and insert "provided they shall be of opinion that it will be for the benefit of said county, be authorised and empowered to lay off said county into any number of districts, not exceeding five, and then and there appoint fit and proper persons as and for collectors for said county; that is to say, one collector for each district, who shall have been resident in the said county for one year before the said appointments; provided, that no division of the said county, or appointment of a collector or collectors as aforesaid, shall at any time be made, unless a majority of the justices of said county shall be present at the time of making such division and appointment." In the 2d line from the bottom of the first page, after the word "tee" insert the word "simple." In the 5th line from the bottom of the 2d page strike out the words "seven and a half" and insert "six."

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of the act, entitled, An act to regulate auctions in Baltimore-town, was read the second time and will not pass.

Mr. Hammond, from the committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the presbyterian 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. At the end of the first enacting clause add "or the laws of this state." In the 13th line of the 2d page, after the word "given" insert "by the president of the said corporation for the time being." In the 15th line of the 2d page, after the word "there" insert "they, or so many as may attend." In the same line of the same page strike out the word "choote" and insert the word "elect." In the 16th line of the same page strike out from the word "church" to the end of the clause.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 1, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 27, 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. Dorsey to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act for the adjournment of Baltimore county court, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 28, 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 clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 28, 1797.

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that the sum of £.268 10 6 stands on the treasurer's books as a balance against Thomas O'Bryon, a former sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, for fines, forfeitures and amerciaments, retailers, ordinary and pedlers licences, received by him in the year 1792, and that the said Thomas O'Bryon is dead, and his securities are likely to suffer very materially by reason of the insufficiency of his estate to discharge his debts; therefore, RESOLVED, That Robert Waters, William Diamond, two of the securities of the said Thomas O'Bryon for the year 1792, be and they are hereby authorised to discharge the said balance of £.268 10 6, with six per cent. interest thereon from the 1st of November, 1792, in two equal annual payments; and that all legal process against them for the above sum shall cease immediately upon their executing a bond, with such security as the treasurer of the eastern shore shall approve, conditioned for the payment of the above sum of money, agreeably to the terms of this resolution.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 28, 1797.

RESOLVED, That Richard Chew, of Anne-Arundel county, be and he is hereby allowed to make payment to the state of Maryland in the following manner, to wit: One third of the principal sum due shall be paid on the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, with all the interest then due on the said principal sum, one third on the first day of January, eighteen hundred, with interest on the principal then due, and the remaining third on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and one following,