

the expiration of six months after the said notice shall be given or published as aforesaid, such debtor or debtors shall be entitled to all and every benefit of this act, in as full and ample manner as if such debtor or debtors had procured the assent of two thirds of his or their creditors as aforesaid; provided also, that in such notice it shall be stated, that the debtor or debtors make their application as traders or merchants." In the 13th line of the 19th page, after the word "issued" insert "or any one judge of the general court, or the chief justice of the district court, or the two associate justices of the county court of the county where the said debtor may be arrested or imprisoned, on application made to them." Strike out from the word "and" in the 6th line of the 21st page to the word "witness" in the 3d line of the 22d page inclusive. At the end of the bill add the following: "And, whereas Elkin Solomon, of the city of Baltimore, by his petition has set forth, that he is unable to pay debts which he owed before the seventeenth day of May, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, and that he has been imprisoned, and is still liable to be imprisoned, for the same: And whereas many of his creditors have recommended him to the clemency of the legislature; therefore, Be it enacted, That the said Elkin Solomon shall have the benefit of this act, in full discharge of all debts, covenants, promises and agreements, due from or owing by him before the said seventeenth day of May, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, upon the same conditions and restrictions, and under and subject to the same penalties for any breach of any matter or thing imposed or directed by this act."

The senate, agreeably to the order of the day, took up the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to enable Wilhem and Jan Willink, merchants in Amsterdam, to purchase and hold real property in the town of Havre-de-Grace, in Harford county, and, on motion, the further consideration thereof was postponed till Monday next.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, with the amendments thereto, the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of William Carpenter, of Saint-Mary's county, the resolution in favour of Thomas Crowley, of Montgomery county, a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and establish a road from the city of Annapolis to the city of Washington, and to repeal the act therein mentioned, the bill, entitled, An act to prevent the going at large of swine within a limited distance of the city of Baltimore, and to repeal an act of assembly therein mentioned, the bill, entitled, An act to prevent the going at large of geese and swine in the town of Havre-de-Grace, in Harford county, and the bill, entitled, An act to alter the times of holding the courts in the several counties therein mentioned, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The senate then took up the reconsideration of 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 Catharine Lenham, and passed the same.

The bill, entitled, An act respecting public roads in Washington county, was read the second time, passed, and, with the bill next before mentioned, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion, Mr. Forrest delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for establishing a mutual insurance company against fire on houses, goods and furniture, in this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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 Joseph Crown, was read the second time and will pass.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act for the encouragement of learning in the several counties in this state, and to establish an uniform system of education, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 17, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 31, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act respecting the criminal business of the city and county of Baltimore, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 29, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 1, 1799: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And the bill, entitled, An act to enable the trustees of Cokesbury college to dispose of the effects of said college for the purpose therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 1, 1799: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 1, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate have postponed acting upon the resolution in favour of Henry Stevenson, in consequence of their doubts, whether the act appointing an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight does not constitute the fifteen per cent. the only fund out of which the agent shall draw his commission for his entire services.

If this should be the true construction of the act, there would be manifest impropriety in our assenting to the resolution. To obviate any embarrassment arising from this doubt, and enable us