

a copy of the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the river Delaware and the Chesapeake bay, passed during the present session of assembly.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, An act respecting the sheriff of Talbot county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 7, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 7, 1799: Read the second time by especial order and will pass."

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W. HARWOOD, clk."

Ordered that the said bill be engrossed.

The resolution in favour of William Goodwin, and others, was read the second time and assented to.

The bill, entitled, An act to make public a certain road in Talbot county, was read the second time and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act to open a road in Cecil county from Archibald Dyfart's towards Hugh Ramsay's tavern, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

The resolution in favour of George Twilly was read the second time and dissented from.

The resolution in favour of Tristram Martin and Abner Parrott, two of the securities of Daniel Powel Cox, former sheriff of Talbot county, was read the second time and dissented from.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 9, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have dissented to your resolution in favour of George Twilly, because the positive direction which it contains to the register of the land-office to issue a patent upon the payment of the caution money on the vacant land mentioned in that resolution may possibly interfere with the rights of other persons. If your house will originate a resolution embracing no other object than the releasing the said George Twilly from paying the sum at which the improvements upon that vacant land have been valued, or sufficiently protecting the rights of all other persons, it will meet with the concurrence of this house.

We have also dissented to your resolution in favour of Tristram Martin and Abner Parrott, because the judgments recited therein do not agree with the copies thereof transmitted by the clerk of the general court of the eastern shore; a resolution correcting this inaccuracy will be agreed to by the senate.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 10, 1799.

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

The president communicates to the senate a letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing undry communications relative to the stock belonging to this state in the bank of England; which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act for appointing a wreck-master in Worcester county, be committed to Mr. Hammond and Mr. Goldborough to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled, An act to lay out a road from the Morgan-town road, on the ridge between Aza Beall's and William Coddington's, to the Virginia line, near the lands of John Forrest, was read the second time and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent assignees from suing by attachment of privilege, was read the second time and will pass.

On motion, Mr. M'Mechen delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual preventing of forgery, and to make it felony to steal bonds, notes, or other securities for payment of money; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 11, 1799.

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

The resolution in favour of Thomas Berry and William Reed, of Kent county, was read the second time and assented to.

The resolution in favour of Daniel Lamb, of Kent county, was read the second time and assented to.

The two resolutions afore-mentioned, the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Tristram Dalton, of the city of Washington, the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the