

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 19, 1801.

RESOLVED, That William Dawson, Henry Johnson, Samuel Bowman, John Harwood, securities of Richard Johns, deceased, late sheriff of Talbot county, and Joseph Martin, executor of Benjamin Stevens, deceased, also a security of the said Richard Johns, and Mary Dudley and Thomas Dudley, administrators of Richard Johns, deceased, another security of the said Richard Johns, deceased, be and they are hereby allowed to make payment of the balance of the principal sum due the state from them respectively on account of the said securityship, with six per cent. interest, on or before the first day of October next, and that on payment of the balance of said principal and interest due the state on or before the said first day of October next, they shall be and are hereby respectively released from the payment of the fifteen per centum imposed by law for the non-payment of the principal by the said Richard Johns in his life-time within the time prescribed by law.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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RESOLVED, That all process against Thomas Nicholls, of Simon, of Montgomery county, for a debt due the state, be suspended, on his giving bond, with security, on or before the first day of March next, to be approved by the treasurer of the western shore, for the payment of the same in three equal annual instalments; provided if the said Thomas Nicholls, of Simon, shall neglect to pay either of the instalments when due, that execution immediately issue against him and his securities, to enforce the same.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A bill, entitled, An act to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county, thus endorsed: "By the house of delegates, December 11, 1801: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 19, 1801: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A bill, entitled, An act to erect a town in Montgomery county, and for other purposes, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 8, 1801: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 19, 1801: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A bill, entitled, An act relative to the bonds to be hereafter given by the treasurers of the respective shores thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 17, 1801: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 19, 1801: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And a bill, entitled, An act to correct a mistake in the beginning of lot number three thousand two hundred and eighty-seven of the lands lying westward of Fort Cumberland, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 18, 1801.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have returned you the bill, entitled, An act to correct a mistake in the beginning of lot number three thousand two hundred and eighty-seven of the lands westward of Fort Cumberland, to which you refused your assent, but hope, upon reconsideration, it will meet your concurrence. The ground of your dissent, we presume, was the want of testimony to establish the facts stated in the petition; herewith we send you such vouchers as will prove the expediency and justify the reconsideration and passage thereof.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Betty Venables, executrix of Benjamin Venables, late of Somerset county, deceased, was read the second time and passed.

The resolution in favour of John Sterrett, and others, was read the second time and assented to with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "resolved" in the 1st line to the word "that" in the 9th line. Mr. Johnson, from the committee, delivers to the president the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 19, 1801.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

WE have received your message of the 14th instant, respecting the bill relating to the public roads in several counties therein mentioned, and in compliance with your request have reconsidered the amendment proposed by this house. It appears from your message that the amendment was misunderstood. The clause prohibiting the levy court from appointing a person more than once in three years was not proposed to be struck out; we deem it a useful restriction, and one that ought to be retained. We are at a loss to comprehend how it can be essential to effectuate the object of a road law, that persons of a certain description, however dignified their stations, should be exempted from an equal share of those duties imposed on our citizens for the accom-