

ment of this law, nor can we agree that those proposed to be exempted would be more degraded by a compulsory than a voluntary performance of the drudgery imposed on an overseer of the road.

It does not appear to us to be an abuse of the characteristic principles of a republican government, that those who equally obtain the benefits should mutually bear the burthens imposed by equal laws. A disposition to preserve those principles inviolate was the cause of our amendment, and now compels us to adhere to it.

Permit us to remark, that there is a variety of characters to whom it would be extremely inconvenient to perform the duties of an overseer of the roads as well as those you wished to exempt.

The labouring man, whose family depends on his daily exertions, has an equal claim with the clergyman, the members of the legislature, justices of the peace, the attorney, &c. to be exempted; but when it is recollected that the latter description of characters are generally men in easy circumstances, that they can be chosen but once in three years, and that they may relieve themselves from that service by the payment of a trifling sum, including them in the law cannot with propriety be complained of.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

Which was read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk, with the bill, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in the several counties therein mentioned.

The resolution in favour of Joseph Shaul and George Storm, the bill to open a road from below a point of rocks in the Catoctin mountain to widow Kemp's mill, the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish and incorporate a medical and chirurgical faculty or society in the state of Maryland, the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Cambridge, in Dorchester county, and to establish and regulate a market, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 21, 1801

THE senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. The bill, entitled, An act for draining part of a branch called The Unicorn Branch, lying in the upper part of Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the word "the" first used in the 5th line of the 2d page to the word "on" in the 9th line of the same page and insert "land lying on the Unicorn Branch, extending from a tract of land called Cleave's Brambles, inclusive, down to." After the word "branch" in the second line of the 3d page insert "from Cleave's Bramble to William's lot aforesaid." After the word "as" in the 3d line of the 3d page strike out to the word "they" in the 8th line of the same page. After the word "directors" in the 13th line of the 3d page insert "And be it enacted, that the cost, charges and expences, of cutting and opening the said ditch or drain, shall be paid by the respective proprietors of the same, each paying for the cutting and opening the said ditch or drain through his own land, except where it shall so happen that two or more of the said proprietors hold parts of the said branch through which the said ditch or drain shall be made adjoining each other, part on one side thereof, and part on the other, in which case each shall pay in proportion to the part he shall or may hold." From the word "that" in the 14th line of the 3d page strike out to the word "the" in the 1st line of the 4th page. Strike out the nine first lines of the sixth page.

The bill, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the word "by" in the 4th line of the 6th page to the word "and" in the 5th line of the same page and insert "this act." Strike out from the word "of" in the 10th line of the same page to the word "without" in the 11th line of the same page and insert "this act." Strike out from the word "by" in the 9th line of the 7th page to the word "and" in the 10th line of the same page and insert "this act." Strike out the words "the said" in the 13th line of same page and insert "this." After the word "quantity" in the 4th line from the bottom of the 25th page insert "or quality." After the word "necessary" in the 4th line from the bottom of the 30th page insert "or to order and direct that depositions shall be taken on such terms as they may prescribe." Strike out "county" in the first line of the 30th page and insert "levy." Strike out all that part of the bill which relates to transfer tobacco.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising the trustees of Charlotte-Hall school to lay off a town in Saint-Mary's county by the name of Charlotte's-Ville, and to dispose of the lots therein by lottery, 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 21, 1801: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A bill, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as relates to voters and qualification of voters, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 27, 1801: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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