

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the speedy conveyance of public letters and packages; and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Worthington and Mr. Ringgold, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Hollingsworth, from the committee, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the speedy conveyance of public letters and packages, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act relative to the stock of the bank of England belonging to the state of Maryland, was read the second time by a special order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. Strike out "Great-Britain" wherever it occurs in the bill and insert "London." Strike out "and a half" in 14th line of 4th page.

Sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act for the sale of goods distrained for rent, and to secure the goods so taken by distress, for the better security of rents, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the speedy conveyance of public letters and packages, and for other purposes, was read the second time by a special order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to vest the funds heretofore belonging to the rector, governor, trustees and visitors, of King William school, in the city of Annapolis, in the visitors and governors of Saint-John's college, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 31, 1801.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have to regret that at this late period of the session we should differ upon the principles contained in the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors.

We agree to your first amendment; we dissent from the second amendment, because that the petitioner is in confinement, and so must continue, without the liberty of being heard. If his conduct has been fraudulent, the tribunal ultimately determined on by this law will convict him thereof.

We dissent from your third amendment. This subject has been so fully discussed, that we have no additional arguments to offer; we flatter ourselves you will recede from it.

We cannot in any manner assent to your fourth amendment; it is directly opposite to the principles which has obtained in the bill by a great majority of this house; we hope that upon reconsideration you will recede from this amendment.

We assent to your 9th, 13th and 14th amendments.

We dissent from all the other amendments, as connected with the third amendment.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the engrossed bills from No. 1 to 100, inclusive, (except No. 25, 57 and 71,) with the paper bills thereof; which engrossed bills were severally thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 31, 1801: Read and assented to.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

On the second reading of the message from the house of delegates respecting the amendments proposed by the senate to the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, the question was put, That the senate reconsider the said amendments? Resolved in the affirmative.

The amendments proposed being read, the senate determined not to recede from any except the second amendment.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Johnson, Mr. Worthington and Mr. Ringgold, be a committee to prepare an answer to the message of the house of delegates upon the subject of the amendments to the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for amending, and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. Strike out "unless where the land is devised" in the 7th and 8th lines of the 1st page. At the end of the third line of the 2d page add "And be it enacted, that in no case shall the order made by the orphans court, that an account or claim will pass when paid, be deemed of validity to establish such account or claim, but in case the executor or administrator thinks fit to contest the same, the same shall be proved in the same manner as if the court had made no order on the subject." At the end of the 16th line of the 2d page add, "Be it enacted, that in all cases where letters have issued, or hereafter may issue, to any person to collect and preserve the estate of a deceased person, it shall and may be lawful for the person to whom such let-