

"By the house of delegates, December 20, 1802: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A bill, entitled, An act authorising the levy court of Worcester county to open a road in said county, endorsed;

"By the house of delegates, December 18, 1802: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 20, 1802: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a public road in Queen-Anne's county, endorsed; "By the house

"of delegates, December 17, 1802: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 20, 1802: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for improving the streets of Elizabeth town, in Washington county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 15, 1802: Read the first time

"and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 20, 1802: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Montgomery county to settle and adjust the accounts of James Beall, of James, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 18, 1802: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 20, 1802: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The bill, entitled, An act respecting the bringing of slaves from the district of Columbia into this state, was read the second time and passed with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. After the word "state" in the 9th line of the 2d page insert "or the county of Washington, in the district of Columbia." After the word "any" in the same line insert "such." After the word "state" in the 3d line of the 3d page insert "or of the county of Washington, in the district of Columbia." After the word "any" in the same line insert "such." After the word "been" in the 5th line of the same page insert "or may be."

The bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate elections, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. 1. Strike out the words "and in case of an election for delegates and a sheriff to boxes," in the first page. 2. Strike out the word "respectively" in the same page. 3. At the end of the first page add, "And be it enacted, that the next election of representatives of this state in the congress of the United States shall be held on the first Monday of October next, and that the next election thereof shall be held on the first Monday of October, eighteen hundred and four, and on the same day biennially for ever thereafter any law to the contrary notwithstanding." 4. Strike out from the beginning of the 2d page to the word "and" in the 10th line of the same page, and insert "And be it enacted, That the elections for delegates to the general assembly, for electors of the senate, for sheriffs, for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for electors on the part of this state to elect the president and vice-president of the United States, and each and every of them, shall commence at nine o'clock in the morning of the respective days of election, and shall continue without adjournment, and be closed at seven o'clock in the evening of the same day, and no ballot shall be taken at any such election before the said hour of nine o'clock in the morning, nor after the said hour of seven o'clock in the evening, and every voter qualified by law shall deliver to the judge or judges of the election, in the district in which he offers to vote, a ballot, on which shall be written or printed the names or names of the person voted for, and the purpose for which the vote is given." 5. Strike out the word "ballots" in the 11th line of the 2d page and insert "ballot." 6. Strike out the words "or boxes respectively, as the case may be," in the 13th line of the same page. 7. Strike out the words "or boxes, as the case may be," in the 2d line of the 5th clause. 8. Strike out the words "in the presence of the candidates, if required," in the 5th and 6th lines of the same section, and insert "publicly, in the presence of such persons as may choose to attend." 9. Strike out the words "who are hereby required to attend at the time and place aforesaid," in the 6th page.

The bill, entitled, An act to aid the defective acknowledgment of deeds, was read the second time and will not pass.

The president laid before the senate a memorial from the president and directors of the Patowmack company praying that a law may pass authorising the receipt of tolls at Hook's falls, and that a law may pass prescribing regulations respecting boats navigating the river similar to a copy of a law forwarded with said memorial, page