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by the assembly of Virginia; which was read, and referred to Mr. Johnson, Mr. Mackall and Mr. Houston, to consider and report thereon.

The order of the day was postponed until to-morrow.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 21, 1802.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for improving the navigation of the eastern branch of Patowmack river, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 21, 1802: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass. W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act supplementary to the act, entitled, An act to restrain the ill practices of sheriffs, and to direct their conduct respecting runaways, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 18, 1802: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

A bill, entitled, An act to direct the register of wills for Caroline county to keep his office in Denton, in said county, and there to deposit the records, books and papers, belonging to said office, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 16, 1802: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. W. HARWOOD, clk."

"By the house of delegates, December 21, 1802: Read the second time and will pass. W. HARWOOD, clk."

And the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 20, 1802.

Whereas it appears that John Sterrett, and others, were possessors of a tract of land in Cecil county, called The Widow's Lot, within the lines of New Cannaught Manor, and that as possessors they were entitled to the pre-emption: And whereas, at the time the land was sold, the said Sterrett, and others, had leases on the same, and, by management, a certain James G. Heron became the purchaser, at and for the sum of three pounds two shillings and six-pence per acre; that at the time he purchased it was supposed a clear fee-simple estate was sold: And whereas the said James G. Heron, on making the aforesaid statement appear, obtained a release of the tract aforesaid, and the same land was afterwards, by the state's agent, sold to the said Sterrett, and others, for the price James G. Heron agreed to give for the same, and that the agent, at the time of the contract, promised the said Sterrett, and others, that if it should appear that they, as settlers, were entitled to the pre-emption, that they should have it on the same terms upon which other lands of said manor were sold, and it appears that none of the said lands sold for more than twenty shillings per acre; they therefore submit the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLVED, That on the said Sterrett, and the other purchasers of said land, paying to the state the full amount of the purchase money, calculating the same at twenty shillings per acre, with legal interest on the same, together with all costs of suits brought on bonds executed by them to the state for said purchase, that said bonds be and the same are hereby cancelled, and all proceedings at law thereon stayed; and that the register of the land-office be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to issue patents to the purchasers of said lands, or to the heirs of any deceased purchasers, respectively, for said land, on payment of the fees of office. W. HARWOOD, clk.

By order, The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising the laying out a certain road in Frederick county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to make public the proceedings of the levy courts in the several counties of this state, and to repeal part of an act of assembly therein mentioned, the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to erect a town in Queen-Anne's county, the bill, entitled, An act respecting the bringing of slaves from the district of Columbia into this state, and the bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate elections, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution in favour of Philip Reed, of Kent county, was read the second time and assented to. The bill, entitled, An act to aid the defective acknowledgment of deeds, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the commissioners of the town of Havre-de-Grace. ORDERED, That Mr. Christie, Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Brown, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Christie, from the committee, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the commissioners of the town of Havre-de-Grace; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. The