

tor Ezekiel Haynie, late of Somerset county, deceased, with a hope that on reconsideration you will be convinced as we are of the importance it would be of to the representatives of doctor Haynie, we flatter ourselves you will concur with us in passing the bill; when you reflect that the heirs of doctor Haynie are all young; that the property, from its particular situation, must depreciate in value, and produce no immediate support for the petitioners, and that the money accruing from the sales would be funded, so as to produce an immediate interest, far above any rents of the land, and equally secure; and when we also reflect, that we have granted a petition of the heirs of James Brice on the same principles, at the present session, we cannot do without your concurrence with us in passing the present bill.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act granting a loan of money to the trustees of Charlotte-Hall school, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 1, 1803: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 1, 1803: Read the second time by a special order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The bill, entitled, An act to incorporate certain persons in every christian church or congregation in the state, was read the second time and passed.

The resolutions relative to the stock of this state in the funds of Great-Britain, were read the second time and assented to.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act to open and make public a road from Newwood's ferry, on Patapsco-river, to intersect the main road leading from Elk-Ridge landing to the falls of Patapsco, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 30, 1802: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 1, 1803: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A bill, entitled, An act to lay out a road in Anne-Arundel and Baltimore counties, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 30, 1802: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 1, 1803: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 1, 1803.

Whereas the compensation allowed to the trustee, under the act respecting the creditors and debtors of the state, passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, after the first year, is inadequate to the services required of him, RESOLVED, That the said trustee shall be entitled to receive, as an additional compensation for his services for the present year, the sum of two hundred dollars.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act concerning the Patowmack, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 27, 1802: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 1, 1803: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Ordered to be engrossed.

And the bill, entitled, An act to prevent slaves hiring themselves, or acting as free, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 1, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have considered your message relative to the amendments proposed by us to the bill, entitled, An act to prevent slaves hiring themselves, or acting as free, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned. Satisfied of the utility of the amendments introduced by us, we cannot recede from those to which you have disagreed. We still think that any person hiring a slave, without proper authority from his master or owner, being liable to a fine, a valuable provision in discouraging the practice of elopement, too frequent among our slaves in this country, and an evil which cannot well be remedied without this amendment. We also consider that the penalty of twenty-five dollars on persons owning slaves and suffering them to go at large, and persons hiring them contrary to the provisions of the bill, sufficiently high, and that the mode of recovery as suggested by us is expedient, when the party aggrieved may think proper to resort to it. We therefore hope, on reconsideration you will agree to the whole of our amendments.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.