

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent slaves hiring themselves, or acting as free, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 3, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

BELIEVING it would greatly promote the interest of the state to close the session of the legislature as soon as the business of the public will admit, and having nearly finished all the business before us, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to close the session on the 15th instant.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

The senate adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 5, 1803.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Houston appeared in the senate.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government which relate to the general court and the court of appeals, have a second reading to-morrow.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of John Carrere, of the city of Baltimore, a bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, severally passed by that house December 3, 1803; and a bill, entitled, An act authorising the levy court of Washington county to alter and change the direction of certain roads therein mentioned, passed by that house December 5, 1803; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act authorising the laying out a road in Worcester county from Winding's landing to intersect the main road leading from Snow Hill to Philadelphia, the bill, entitled, An act to open a road from the town of Emmitsburgh to Caldwell's lane on the Pennsylvania line, the bill, entitled, An act authorising certain lotteries within the city of Baltimore, and the bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire-engine and to erect pumps in the town of Easton, in Talbot county, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to declare a part of the old road leading from the mouth of Monocacy to Georgetown, in Montgomery county, a public highway, and the bill, entitled, An act relative to lost land warrants, were severally read the second time and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, December 6, 1803.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. John Partridge appeared in the senate, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the senate.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate elections. ORDERED, That Mr. Nelson, Mr. Houston and Mr. Ringgold, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Kitturah Milbourne, and the heir of Thomas Milbourne, of Worcester county, a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, severally passed by that house December 6, 1803; and the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 5, 1803.

RESOLVED, That the chancellor be and he is hereby authorised to examine into the facts stated in the petition of James Williams, and into all the circumstances relating thereto, and to determine whether the purchase made by the petitioner and Uriah Forrest, mentioned in the petition, be vacated, or if any and what sum is to be allowed to the petitioner, or to be paid by the state to him; and if the chancellor, upon consideration of the premises, shall determine any sum is to be allowed to the petitioner, or to be paid to him as aforesaid, the application of the said sum is to be made in the following manner, to wit: In the first place, to the discharge of a bond given by Uriah Forrest to the state of Maryland, dated on the twenty-seventh day of August, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, conditioned for the payment of six hundred and thirteen pounds eleven shillings and six-pence current money; in the second place, to the discharge of a bond given by the petitioner, James Williams, and John Guyer, to the state of Maryland, dated on or about the first day of June, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, conditioned for the payment of eight hundred and thirty-four pounds twelve shillings and six-pence current money, and the balance, if any, to be paid to the petitioner; and that the treasurer of the western shore