

veyor of the county aforesaid; **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to send out to the surveyor for the time being of Dorchester county, for correction, all certificates or plots of the said Indian lots, which, upon examination by the examiner of the western shore, have been or may be found to be erroneous, and have not heretofore been corrected; and that the said surveyor be authorised to correct such erroneous plots and certificates, and return the same, as amended, to the treasury office of the western shore, to be again examined, and upon such correction being made, the treasurer aforesaid shall be authorised, in case of any deficiency in the quantity of land, to credit the purchaser with the amount thereof, and in case of any excess of quantity, to debit him accordingly; and in those cases where the plots or certificates of any of the said Indian lots have already been examined as aforesaid, and found to be erroneous, and have not yet been corrected, the parties shall be indulged in the payment of the balances due from them respectively until the first day of December next, in order to afford time for such correction to be made.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 24, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have assented to all the amendments proposed by you to the bill, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, except the third and fourteenth, and have sent the bill, with the amendments, back for your reconsideration, and hope that you will recede from the amendments dissented from by this house, as the passage of an assessment law this session, so as to include a large property at present not chargeable with the public assessment, is considered important.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

And the bill, entitled, An act to ratify an amendment to the constitution of the United States of America, proposed by congress to the legislatures of the several states, passed by that house December 24, 1803. Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled, An act relative to costs, was read the second time and passed with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. 1. Strike out the words "law or" in the 3d and 4th lines of the first clause. 2. Strike out from the word "that" in the 10th line of the first clause to the end thereof, and insert "shall accrue in said suit." 3. Strike out "and before the term appointed for trial or hearing of the cause" in the 4th and 5th lines of the 2d page. 4. Strike out the word "with" in the 11th line of the 2d page and insert "within." 5. After the word "demand" in the 9th line of the last page insert "or in case costs incurred on the part of such complainant or libellant shall not be paid to the officer entitled to the same, and the same having been demanded of such security, and." 6. After the word "defendant" in the 11th line of the same page insert "or of the officer entitled to receive the same."

On motion, **ORDERED**, That the bill, entitled, An act to enable Samuel Hooper, of Dorchester county, to sell and convey certain lands therein mentioned, be referred to Mr. Christie, Mr. M'Culloch and Mr. Brown, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, **ORDERED**, That the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes, be referred to Mr. Whitely, Mr. M'Culloch, Mr. Brown, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Ringgold, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for building bridges over Conococheague creek, in Washington county, was read the second time and passed.

The resolution in favour of Elijah Sturgis was read the second time and dissented from.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Savin, of Cæcil county, was read the second time and will not pass. The said bill was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Joseph Douglass, of Kent county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road from the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, to the city of Washington and George-town, was read the second time, passed with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Amendment proposed. Strike out "Vachel Sellman" in the 3d line of the first enacting clause and insert "George Ellicott."

The resolution in favour of Thomas Cockey Deye, the petition of Edward Owings, of Frederick county, the resolution in favour of John Smith Brookes, the bill, entitled, An act for erecting buildings for the use of the poor of Queen-Anne's county, and the bill, entitled, An act authorising any person prosecuted for a libel to give the truth in evidence, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to alter, change, lay out and open, a road from Middle-town, in Frederick county, to Washington county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.