

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 14, 1805.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

WE have received your message, requesting a reconsideration of the amendment proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco.

Permit us to observe, that we deem the interests and convenience of the poor class of the community of Saint-Mary's county, as of every other county, subjects that merit our most serious deliberations and peculiar care, but we do not wish to hold out to them apparent advantages that will confer no real benefits. In the county excepted from the operation of that part of the bill respecting the inspection of transfer tobacco, many of the inspectors are not in the possession of public warehouses calculated for the reception of that species of tobacco, nor are they prepared with the necessary apparatus to put it into a state for market, and as the bill contemplates an unconditional and immediate operation, it will be imposing on such inspectors a duty, without furnishing them with the means of performing it; hence the inspectors, thus situated, must inevitably be subject to great loss, or guilty of an open violation of the law. Men of prudence will resign, and the whole system for the inspection of tobacco, so far as respects those warehouses at which they acted, will be inoperative; the evils resulting would be particularly oppressive upon the poor, whose crop must receive the sanction of an inspector to make it a legal tender to the landlord. Under these impressions, we cannot recede from the proposed amendment, but shall be ready to concur in a proposition to exempt from the operation of the bill such warehouses only as are not in a state to meet its provisions, either generally or specially.

By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to runaway servants and slaves, was read the second time and will not pass.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act relating to stray black cattle in Allegany county, passed by that house January 12, 1805; a bill, entitled, An act to separate Rogers's addition to Baltimore-town from the city of Baltimore, and to make it a part of Baltimore county, passed by that house January 12, 1805; a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, passed by that house January 14, 1805; and the following resolutions:

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RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby required and authorised to subscribe, on behalf of this state, in the union bank of Maryland, four hundred and twenty-four shares of the shares reserved for the use of this state in said bank, and immediately to pay to the president and directors thereof the amount of said shares so subscribed, out of the second instalment and interest received from the United States on the loan made by this state for the use of the city of Washington.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

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RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby required and directed to pay, annually, to Joshua Barrett, a late sergeant in the revolutionary war, a sum of money, in quarterly payments, equal to the half pay of a sergeant during the war aforesaid, as a further remuneration to the said Joshua Barrett for services rendered his country, and as a relief from the indigence and misery which attend his decrepitude and old age.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

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

The resolution directing the treasurer of the western shore to subscribe on behalf of the state for four hundred and twenty-four shares in the Union Bank of Maryland, was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the representatives of Jeremiah Crabb, late of Montgomery county, deceased, and a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the sale of certain lots of land lying westward of Fort-Cumberland, severally passed by that house January 14, 1805; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The resolution in favour of John Maddox, of Somerset county, was read the second time and assented to with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed: At the end of the resolution insert "provided, that such alteration shall in no degree affect, or be construed to affect, the right or title which any other person or persons shall or may have acquired of, in and to, the said land, or any part thereof, prior to the passage of this resolution, but that all such rights shall be of the same effect, and have the same avail, as if this resolution had never passed, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding."

The bill, entitled, An act for introducing a copious supply of wholesome water into the city of Baltimore, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.