

The bill, entitled, An act authorising and directing the sales of certain lands lying in Worcester county, and belonging to William Fleming, deceased, was read the second time and was passed.
 The resolution in favour of John Wilkins was read the second time and assented to.
 The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, December 24, 1807.

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

The bill, entitled, An act authorising and directing the sales of certain lands lying in Worcester county, and belonging to William Fleming, deceased, the bill, entitled, An act authorising Benjamin Ray, late sheriff and collector of Montgomery county to complete his collection, with the message relative thereto, and the resolution in favour of John Wilkins, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the preservation of the breed of wild deer in Somerset county, passed by that house December 23, 1807; a bill, entitled, An act to build a bridge and open a road in Caroline county, a bill, entitled, An act to change the place of holding the election in the first district of Baltimore county, severally passed by that house December 24, 1807; and the following resolutions:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 23, 1807.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Rinaldo Johnson, for and on account of the securities of Thomas Williams, the sum of one hundred and forty pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence, with interest thereon from the eleventh day of June, 1802, the same being paid to the sheriff, in consequence of the state having issued fieri facias against the said securities for a greater sum than was bona fide due to the state.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Rinaldo Johnson, for and on account of the securities of Thomas Williams, the sum of one hundred pounds, with interest thereon from the first day of January, 1787, the same being for an error committed by the chancellor in stating the accounts of the state of Maryland against the securities of Thomas Williams, under a resolution of the general assembly, whereby the said securities paid to the state the sum of one hundred pounds more than they ought to have paid, as will appear by the chancellor's statement, in subtracting the second from the first line of figures in said statement, which said error has not been corrected, nor has the money thus paid to the state, in consequence thereof, been refunded to the said securities.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

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

The bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a fire insurance company in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed with the proposed amendments, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Amendments proposed. 1. Strike out the word "ten" in the 4th line of the 9th page and insert "thirty." 2. After the word "institution" in the last line of the 16th page insert "except in the case of a director declaring an improper dividend, as before provided for in the eleventh section of this law."

The bill, entitled, An act for recording certain wills in the register's office of Worcester county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising the drawing of a lottery to defray the expense of building a masonic hall in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Mr. Partridge, from the committee of conference on the memorial of the commissioners of the penitentiary, delivers the following report;

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the commissioners appointed to superintend the building a penitentiary in the city of Baltimore, beg leave to report, that a part of the committee, in conformity to the resolution of both branches of the legislature of Maryland, visited the penitentiary, that monument which the state has erected to its humanity and wisdom; they find from the information derived from them, that the commissioners appointed by a resolution of the general assembly of Maryland, at their session of eighteen hundred and forty, purchased three acres of ground for five hundred pounds per acre; that they have caused to be erected a main building sixty feet square, and three stories high, exclusive of the basement story, which is connected by a passage with an extensive wing, twenty feet wide, and one hundred and sixty long; the buildings are placed upon a site high and elevated, commanding an extensive and interesting prospect, and which must always enjoy a free circulation of air from its altitude over the surrounding grounds. Public streets bind the penitentiary on the front and east, a large lot of ground, belonging to the county, and appropriated for the use of the gaol, and uncultivated lots, bind the penitentiary on the west and north.

The exterior of the buildings unites strength, simplicity and grandeur; the main building is conveniently arranged for the accommodation of the inspectors, the superintendent and his family, and guards, and for depositing of manufactured articles, or the materials for them; the wing appropriated to the confinement of those persons whose crimes require that they should be excluded from the intercourse of society, is con-