

And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the clerk to retain, file and preserve, in his office, all such written papers, purporting to be the assent of grantors or femes-covert to the issuing of commissions as directed by this act."

Mr. Edward Roberts was appointed messenger pro tem. who qualified as such.

Mr. Partridge, from the committee, deveys a bill, entitled, An act for the limitation of appeals and writs of error; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act authorising the sale of five thousand tickets in the lottery of the state of Pennsylvania for the encouragement of useful arts, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

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

S A T U R D A Y, January 16, 1808.

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

The bill, entitled, A further additional supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers, the bill, entitled, An act for the limitation of appeals and writs of error, the bill, entitled, An act authorising the sale of five thousand tickets in a lottery of the state of Pennsylvania for the encouragement of useful arts, the bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for amending, and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons, the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Edward Henry, of Worcester county, and the resolution in favour of Elizabeth Barrow, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising the court of chancery to decree in the case therein mentioned, a bill, entitled, An act for the preservation of the navigation of the north-west branch of Nanticoke river, in Dorchester county, a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the transcribing of certain land records in Prince-George's county, and for making out an alphabet to the same, a bill, entitled, An act for the preservation of the navigation of Cabin creek, in Dorchester county, a bill, entitled, An act authorising the levy court of Washington county to appoint commissioners to review the road therein mentioned, a bill, entitled, An act to fix and establish the pay of the adjutant-general and brigade inspectors, severally passed by that house January 15, 1808; and the following resolutions:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, January 15, 1808.

RESOLVED, That the printer to the state print twenty-five hundred copies of the militia law of this state, stitched in form of octavo, to which the militia law of congress shall be annexed, and Steuben's directions for the manual exercise; and it shall be the duty of the executive of Maryland to forward, as soon as possible, to each major-general ten copies, to each brigadier-general sixteen copies, to each commanding officer of a regiment forty copies, to the commander of each extra battalion twenty copies, to be distributed to the commissioned officers of their respective regiments, or extra battalions, as the case may be; and the treasurer of the western shore is hereby authorised to pay the expense of the same out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, January 15, 1808.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the examiner-general of the western shore, such sum, in addition to his fees for the year 1807, as shall amount to the sum of three hundred pounds current money; and the examiner-general shall lay before the next session of assembly the amount of fees by him received in this year, on oath.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the preservation of the navigation of Cabin creek, in Dorchester county, was read the second time by especial order, 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, January 16, 1808.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

WE have nearly finished all the business which is now before us, and by a diligent application of our time shall certainly be prepared to close the present session by Monday next. We therefore propose, with the concurrence of your house, to adjourn on that day.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the clerk of the council be directed to cause two sets of the laws of the United States, from the fourth volume to the last session, inclusive, and also two sets of the votes and proceedings of the general assembly of Maryland, from the year eighteen hundred to the present session, inclusive, to be bound up for the use of the senate, and that he deliver the same to the senate at their next session.