

authorising a lottery in Havre-de-Grace, for the purpose therein mentioned; the bill for the relief of Stephen Rynor of Talbot county; and the bill to authorise the chancellor to decree a sale of certain lands, were severally read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The report on the petition of John M'Comas of Harford county was read the second time and concurred with.

The bill authorising the executors of Mary Yellot, to release certain mortgages therein mentioned was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. A. Dorsey, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, A further supplement to an act entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Anne-Arundel county, and to repeal part of the acts of assembly therein mentioned; *Ordered*, that Messrs. A. Dorsey, Belt and Marriott be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to authorise Owen Evans, guardian of the heirs at law of Jesse Brooks, deceased, to sell and convey certain lands therein mentioned, lying in Cecil county; and the bill to appoint Thomas Seegar of Queen Anne's county, trustee to convey to John Price, certain lands therein mentioned, were severally read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill relating to vagrants in the city of Baltimore was read the second time by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, *January 2, 1812.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We return you the bill entitled, A further additional supplement to the act entitled, An act to direct descents, under the hope that upon re consideration you will pass the same; some of the provisions of the bill are indispensably necessary in our opinion.

The part of the bill to which it is understood the senate objects particularly, is that which provides for females under the age of twenty-one, and over sixteen taking the lands at the valuation of the commissioners when they report that the same will not admit of a division. We hope, upon re consideration, the senate will not continue to object against this principle. By the law of the land, a female of the above description is permitted to take her estate real and personal, and of course enabled to provide for the improvement thereof to any extent; also, by law, a female under the above circumstances is entitled to the benefit of a writ of partition; the result of which will be, when the heirs are numerous, the subdivision of a small real estate, so as to be destructive of the interests of all parties concerned. We cannot perceive the danger of permitting five men upon their oath, to ascertain whether these injurious consequences will flow from a division of a