

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 sub division 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 real estate into a number of parts, and if they will follow, to permit the same five to value the said real estate, and in such case to permit a female under twenty-one years of age, and over sixteen, to elect to take the lands at such valuation upon the terms prescribed by this bill. By the passage of this bill, we will place a part of the lands of the state in a situation in which they may go on progressively improving; otherwise progressive decay will be consequent, destructive alike of the interests of individuals and of the public.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

Which was read,

The senate adjourns until 6 o'clock P. M.

POSTMERIDIAN, 6 o'clock.

THE Senate met.

The resolution relative to chancellor Kilty's Report of the English and British Statutes, were read the second time and assented to with the proposed amendment:

*Amendment proposed.*

Strike out the word "six" in the last line but one of the resolution, and insert "two and an half."

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, A further supplement to the act entitled, An act to lay out a road therein mentioned, passed by that house Jan. 2, 1812; and the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 2, 1812.

*Resolved,* That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby directed to pay unto John M. Coy, or his order, in quarterly payments, a sum equal to the half-pay of a lieutenant in the late revolutionary war.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

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

On motion, the question was put, Will the senate re-consider the bill entitled, An act to empower Robert Casey and Elizabeth Casey of the city of Baltimore, to lease the free-hold and lease-hold estate of Jane B. Hammond and Henry Hammond infants of the