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to pay such further sum or sums as may be equivalent to the difference in the prices of the necessaries of life at the times when the monies were lent, and the prices obtaining at the respective times of payment of such principal sum or sums."

The endorsements and amendments were read and ordered to lie on the table.

On the second reading upon the petition of Robert Dashiell, **RESOLVED**, That the said Robert Dashiell be allowed on the journal of accounts the sum of three hundred and seventy-five pounds, as some compensation for his losses and sufferings in the public service.

The bill, entitled, An act to encrease the allowance of magistrates, and for other purposes therein mentioned, sent to the senate by Mr. Jordan and Mr. Gresham.

The petition from Cæcil county respecting the free-school, and the petition from the same county respecting the court-house, were severally referred to next session of assembly.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

A petition of sundry nonjurors in Baltimore county was preferred and read a first and second time, and granted so far as to relieve them from the treble tax only.

A petition of Clement Beall, collector of assessment in Montgomery county, was preferred and read the first and second time by especial order and rejected.

Mr. Dent brings in and delivers to Mr Speaker the following report :

BY the committee to whom the petition of Charles Goodrick was referred, beg leave to report, that your committee, in obedience to an order of the honourable house, have examined all papers relative thereto, from which it appears, that a deed was executed on the second day of December, seventeen hundred and sixty-nine, by Joseph Semmes, son and heir at law of Joseph Milbourn Semmes, to the petitioner, for part of a tract of land called Lines's Delight, containing seventy-five acres, the execution of which said deed was proved before the right honourable William Beckford, Esq; then lord-mayor of the city of London, on the seventh day of March, seventeen hundred and seventy, as appears under the hand and seal of the said lord-mayor. It further appears to your committee, that the deed aforesaid is defective, from its not having been acknowledged agreeable to the laws of this state; yet as your committee are informed, that the lands have been quietly possessed by the petitioner and his father before him from the time of purchase in the year seventeen hundred and forty-four, your committee are therefore of opinion, that an act ought to pass to make valid the deed aforesaid. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed by order,

NICH. HARWOOD, cl. com.

Which was read, concurred with, the petition granted, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.

The engrossed bills, from No. 6 to 17 inclusive, were severally read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Jordan and Mr. Worthington.

A bill, entitled, An act for securing the title of the proprietors of lots and houses in Charlestown, in Charles county, was read a first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Smith and Mr. Alexander.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, December 17, 1779.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. S. Hanson, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Dashiell. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Alexander brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the vestry of St. Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, to exchange certain lands with Thomas Harrison, for the use of said parish, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. M'Mechin and Mr. Alexander.

A bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Joseph Cowman, of Anne-Arundel county, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments to the bill relating to the estates of deceased persons were read the second time; the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th; agreed to, and the 13th rejected unanimously.

ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate acquainting them therewith.

ORDERED, That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Chase, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Bruff, Mr. Job, and Mr. J. Henry, do prepare the said message.

On motion, **ORDERED**, That Mr. Smith, Mr. Winder, Mr. Ringgold, and Mr. Archer, be a committee to make out a list of medicines reported by the committee appointed to enquire into the auditor's office, &c.