

portant to be imparted to men, who, with the best intentions, from the want of knowledge, might make an improper and dangerous use of them.

We are of opinion, that the bill as amended, even without the clause (which must be struck out, in case you persist in rejecting our amendments) contains some useful regulations, and may prevent many of the inconveniences and injuries intended to be remedied, and therefore we accede to your proposal of enacting into a law the other clauses of the bill, leaving out the clause about which we differ, and which (considering the near approach of the severe season of the year) together with every thing else not absolutely necessary now to be done, we are very desirous of leaving to the consideration of a future session.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

Mr. Bayly brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the justices of Frederick and Montgomery counties to assess a sum of money sufficient to defray the expences of the commissioners in dividing Frederick county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Bayly and Mr. Burgess.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Stricker, Mr. Wilmer, and Mr. Beatty, be a committee to value 150 pair of stockings, now in the state store, as reported by the committee upon the auditor's office, and make their report thereof.

The report from the committee appointed to report on the state and condition of the galleys, &c. read the second time.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S U N D A Y, December 19, 1779.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Freeland, Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Mactubbin. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Joseph Sim, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from George Plater and James Forbes, dated Philadelphia, December 13, 1779, directed to the honourable president of the senate and the honourable the speaker of the house of delegates; which was read and referred to the committee appointed to report on general Washington's letters, &c.

And the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Whetcroft, of the city of Annapolis, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table

" By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

" By the senate, December 18, 1779: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments,

" By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Amendments proposed. In the 7th line of the first page, strike out the word "six" and insert "five" In the second line of the second page, between the words "purchased" and "in," insert the word "for." In the seventh line of the same page, strike out the words "the same," and insert "Anne-Arundel." In the ninth line of the third page, between the words "less" and "whereas," insert "which said parcels of land are situate, lying, and being, in Baltimore county." In the ninth line of the sixth page, between the words "authorized" and "empowered," strike out the word "and." And after the word "empowered," insert the words "directed and required." In the fourteenth line of the same page, strike out the words "ninety-nine years, with a clause or covenant." And in the fifteenth line, strike out the words "therein contained, that the same shall be renewable for." And in the beginning of the sixteenth line, strike out the word "ever," and insert "forty years." In the eighteenth line of the seventh page, between the word "dam" and the word "and," insert the following, "and keeping the same in repair to the amount of one third part of the labour (materials not included) so far as extends to such part of the dam as may be so erected as aforesaid, during such time as the said William Whetcroft shall continue to work and carry on the said mill.

Which amendments were read and agreed to, and the bill passed for engrossing.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Henry, Mr. Deye, Mr. McMechin, and Mr. J. Hanson, do prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to prevent distilling grain into spirit was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Deye, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Reed,	Lethrbury,	Banning,	Quynn,	Ringgold,	Cramphin,
Jordan,	W. Stevenson,	Birkhead,	Chase,	Keene,	Alexander,
Gresham,	Smith,	Craufurd,	J. Henry,	Dennis,	Sprigg.
Wilmer,	Wiader,	B. Hall,	Bruff,	J. Hanson,	

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