

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

The house met.

On the second reading the amendments to the bill respecting insolvent debtors, all the amendments were rejected, except the amendments to strike out the words "and just," and the enacting clause, in the eighth page, beginning with the words "And be it enacted," and ending with the word "act," in the ninth page; which were agreed to.

The following message being prepared, read and agreed to, was sent to the senate by Mr. Hopewell.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 11, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have agreed to some, and rejected others, of your amendments to the bill respecting insolvent debtors; and, as we think the bill of great consequence, we propose a conference on the several amendments and the subject of said bill, and this house have appointed Mr. Thomas Johnson, Mr. Chase, Mr. Paca and Mr. Wright, to confer with such members of your house as your honours may appoint.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

John Smith, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to grant to Oliver Evans, for a term of years, the sole and exclusive right of making and selling, within this state, the machines therein described, endorsed; "By the senate, May 11, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, May 11, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution in favour of Job Garretson, endorsed; "By the senate, May 11, 1787:—Read "and assented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Also the following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, MAY 11, 1787.

RESOLVED, That the five commissioners appointed by the general assembly on the twentieth of February, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, to meet commissioners from Pennsylvania and Delaware, or any three or more of them, be authorized to meet commissioners from the states of Virginia, Pennsylvania and Delaware, jointly or separately, and to communicate the regulations of commerce and duties proposed by each state, and to confer on such subjects as may concern the commercial interests of the said states, and within the power of the respective states, and the meeting of the commissioners be on the third week of September next, and at such place as they shall agree on, and that their proceedings be reported to the legislature of this state; and the said commissioners be authorized to meet the commissioners from the said states before the time above mentioned at such time and place as may be agreed on.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, was sent to the senate by Mr. Hollingsworth.

Mr. Wright, from the conferrees, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

AT a meeting of conferrees appointed for the purpose of considering the subject of relief to private debtors, were present, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, William Perry, Richard Ridgely, Esquires, senators; Thomas Johnson, Robert Wright, Jesse Hollingsworth, Brice T. B. Worthington, John Hoskins Stone, Esquires, from the house of delegates.

The conferrees having taken into their consideration the distressed situation of private debtors, and desirous of affording some relief, came to the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of the conferrees, that the instalment of private debts is a measure at this time necessary.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of the conferrees, that the creditor should be obliged to accept of the proposed instalments from the debtor.

That it is the opinion of the conferrees, that it should be optional with the debtor to accept of the instalments as proposed.

That all debts contracted before the first day of September, 1786, shall be installed, except those debts comprehended in the treaty of peace between the United States and his Britannic majesty.

That the proposed instalments shall not exceed the term of five years.

That no instalment be made of any debt under twenty pounds current money, but the court may grant a stay of execution for any sum less than twenty pounds, not exceeding twelve months.

All sums above twenty pounds, and under eighty pounds, to be installed for two years.

All sums above eighty pounds, and under one hundred and sixty pounds, for three years.

All sums above one hundred and sixty pounds, and under five hundred pounds, for four years.

All sums above five hundred pounds for five years.

The interest of the whole debt to be paid at each instalment.

That the debtor shall, within three months, give notice to his creditor, or his agent, that he intends to install his debt, and appoint a time and place for that purpose.

That the debtor shall, on instalment, give good and sufficient security for the debt, and on the creditor's refusing the security, the sufficiency of such security is to be determined by two magistrates of the county where the debtor resides.

That