

are therefore of opinion, that time be given for the balance due to the public, on bond being given in the treasury for payment of the same, with legal interest from the time it ought to have been paid; that the executors or administrators of the said Adam Fisher, on giving such bond, have the same power of collection, and the same means of exertion on the deputies, as the deceased had, and also a power to sell the deceased's real estate; and if such bond be not given within a limited time, then the securities, or any of them, on giving such bond as aforesaid, to have the like indulgence and powers; and that any money or certificates received as collector by the deceased, or any of his deputies, and remaining at the time of the collector's death, may be applied to the purpose for which they are collected; the orphans court be empowered to inquire, in a summary way, of any person or persons on oath touching such money or certificates, and order the same to be delivered over to the executors, administrators or securities, who shall give bond as aforesaid, or the person or persons by them authorized to act in their behalf. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDRER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Matthews, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition from several inhabitants of Cæcil county, praying that a poor-house may be established in said county, that the free school property therein may be applied towards said establishment, beg leave to report, that they have considered the petition aforesaid, and that it appears to them a poor-house in the said county will lessen considerably the expence of providing for the poor, and from the names we observe to the petition, we are satisfied it is the wish of the inhabitants of Cæcil county that the free school property may be applied towards the establishment aforesaid. Your committee beg leave further to report, that the present seems an improper time to sell the free school property aforesaid for cash, and that the sale thereof should be directed at the discretion of such commissioners or trustees as may be appointed. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Robert Bruce, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

William Hemsley, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, endorsed; "By the senate, December 5, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 5, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order.

J. DORSEY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for recording a deed from Richard Wiley to William Hunter, late of Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 5, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 5, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendment proposed. At the end of the bill insert "saving to all persons, not herein mentioned, their several and respective rights."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The supplement to the act for laying out roads from Snell's bridge and Green's bridge on Patuxent, to the bridge over Patapsco falls, near Ellicott's lower mills, endorsed; "By the senate, December 5, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 5, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 5, 1787.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have no business upon our table, and are extremely anxious to rise. As we have finished the resolutions respecting the convention to which the federal constitution is to be submitted, we know of no important business that is now necessary to discuss, except the supplies. As this must originate with you, we wish it brought forward as soon as you conveniently can, the more especially as we have only eight members attending in the senate, and little reason to hope for more. We are very fearful, from the indisposition of several attending members, that we shall not be able to keep a senate together more than eight or ten days, and hope that the business may be so dispatched, that we may rise by Saturday week at farthest.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The bill respecting the continuance of civil suits in the general and county courts, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative. Sent to the senate by Mr. Lecompte.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Chase be added to the committee appointed to bring in a bill to take away the circumstance of indenting deeds of bargain and sale.

Mr.