

thereof, hath been paid or satisfied, and that he doth not know of any payment thereof being made to the said John Ward Veazey, or to any other person for his use, and that he hath not himself received the same, or any part thereof, except so much as shall be credited on the said account; and if any citizen, of whom such arrearages or balances shall be claimed, shall allege that the same hath been paid to any agent or deputy of the said John Ward Veazey, it shall be lawful for the said Peter Lawson, or other person interested, to cause such agent or deputy to be summoned before a justice of the peace of such county, and to be examined, on oath, concerning the truth of such allegations; and the said Peter Lawson is, by virtue of this act, allowed until the first day of October next for the purpose of making and completing his collection of the said arrearages and balances."

Which were read.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to dispose of the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, in Washington county, and to fulfil the engagements made by this state to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line in the service of the United States, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 19, 1789: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Amendments proposed. After the word "proclamation" in the 11th line of the first page, insert "since the passage of the aforesaid act." Strike out the clause of 2d page, and insert "And whereas it is represented, that sundry warrants have been heretofore granted, and certificates thereon returned, containing surveys of vacant lands, before the passage of the aforesaid act, and the owners of such certificates have neglected to pay the composition money thereon of seven shillings and six-pence per acre, to the injury of the revenues of this state; Be it therefore enacted, that the register of the land-office be and is hereby directed and required to return to the treasurer of the western shore, on or before the first day of May next, a list of all certificates in his possession for vacant lands surveyed, describing the quantity of such vacant land so taken up, and the name of the person or persons taking up the same, and the location of the said vacant lands; and the said treasurer, on receipt of the said list, shall immediately advertise in the Maryland Gazette and Baltimore news-papers a list of the said lands, and notify in his said advertisement, that if the person or persons who took up the said vacant lands shall neglect to compound and pay for the same on or before the first day of August next, that the said lands will be sold to the first applicant thereafter; and the said treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to sell the said vacant lands to the first applicant after the said first day of August next, at not less than seven shillings and six-pence per acre; provided that no proclamation warrants shall be granted to any person to affect any of the said vacant lands before the said first day of August next." At the end of the bill insert "And, whereas it is represented by sundry settlers westward of Fort Cumberland, that the time fixed for them to make their annual payments is at an inconvenient season of the year; Be it therefore enacted, That the time allotted for payment for the lands sold to settlers westward of Fort Cumberland, shall be extended to the first day of May in each year, and the said settlers shall be allowed until the first day of May next to make their first payment; provided, that nothing in this clause contained shall be construed to affect the rights of any other person or persons, acquired since the first day of September last, to any of the said lots; and provided also, that any person or persons who have already, or may hereafter, proclaimate any of the said lots, shall pay such composition money thereon as the original settlers were to pay for the same."

Which were read.

The bill for the benefit of Saint-Mary Anne's parish, in Cæcil county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 19, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 19, 1789: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act to dispose of the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, in Washington county, and to fulfil the engagements made by this state to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line in the service of the United States, and for other purposes, endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 19, 1789: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

And a bill, entitled, An act to restrain surveyors, to regulate certain proceedings in the land-office, and to compel the attendance of witnesses on surveys under the authority of the chancery, general, and county courts, endorsed; "By the senate, December 18, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 19, 1789: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

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

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