

ORDERED, That Mr. Duvall, Mr. Dennis and Mr. M'Mechen, be a committee to prepare an answer to the said message.

The bill to repair the public roads in Queen-Anne's county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 25, 1793: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 26, 1793: Upon reconsideration will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk."

Amendment proposed. Page 3, strike out from the word "three" in the second line from the bottom inclusive to the end of the bill, and insert "until the first day of March, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter."

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

The bill to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Cambridge, in Dorchester county, and to establish and regulate a market in said town, endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 26, 1793: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk."

Amendments proposed. Page 1, line 8, after the word "thereof" insert "and possessed of landed property within the said town in his own right, or in right of his wife, of the value of one hundred dollars." Page 1, line 8, strike out "third" and insert instead thereof "second." Page 1, line 10, after the word "free" insert "white." Page 1, line 12, after the word "dollars" insert "and by such other persons as are herein after authorized to vote at such election." Page 1, line 15, after the word "free" insert "white." Page 2, line 6, after the word "resident" insert "and qualified." Page 2, line 8, strike out "third" and insert "second." Page 3, line 3, after the word "resident" insert "and qualified." Page 5, after the end of the first clause of this page, insert as a distinct section, "And be it enacted, That any person or persons who may think him, her or themselves aggrieved by the valuation of the said assessor, may, at any time within six weeks after the completion and return of such assessment, appeal to the said commissioners, who may thereupon, and in all cases where they shall judge the valuation of such assessor to be unequal, make such alteration therein as to them shall seem just and reasonable." Page 6, strike out from the word "and" in the 9th line to the word "worth" in the 12th line inclusive, and insert as follows: "And shall issue a warrant to the sheriff of Dorchester county, to summon a jury of twelve judicious disinterested persons of the county, having no assessable property within the said town; and the said jury shall meet at the town of Cambridge, upon such day as the said sheriff shall appoint, (of which appointment notice shall be given to the proprietor of the ground thus condemned,) and having first taken an oath, or affirmation, (as the case may be,) to be administered by the said sheriff, without partiality or prejudice to value the said ground, and the damages sustained by the owner or owners by means of such condemnation, according to the best of their skill and judgment, shall proceed to make such valuation; and the said jury, in estimating such value and damages, shall take into consideration not only the actual value of the ground so condemned, but also any injury that may be done by means thereof to any other property of the said owner; and the said sheriff shall return the valuation aforesaid in writing, under his hand and seal, and the hands and seals of the jury, to the said commissioners, to be recorded among the land records of Dorchester county; the said sheriff and jury to be allowed the same fees for their services and attendance as in cases of attendance upon the county court." Page 6, line 14, after the word "aforesaid" insert "and the expences of such valuation." Page 6, line 14, strike out the words "and paid by the owners," and insert "and when collected by the said commissioners shall be paid by them to the owner or owners of such condemned ground, or his, her or their legal representatives; and such condemnation, valuation, recording and payment, or tender of payment, for the said ground, shall vest an absolute estate in fee-simple in the said commissioners, for the use of the said town, and for the purposes aforesaid, for ever; provided however, that such condemned ground shall not be taken out of the possession of the proprietor until such payment shall be paid, or tendered." Page 7, line 1, after the word "town" insert "subject however to be changed by the said commissioners." Page 7, line 1, strike out the words "victuals and." Page 7, line 11, strike out the word "person" and insert "free inhabitants of the said town." Page 7, line 12, strike out the words "victuals or." Page 7, line 12, strike out the word "other." Page 7, line 13, strike out the words "victuals or." Page 7, line 18, strike out from the word "and" to the word "offence" in the 8th page inclusive. Page 8, line 8, after the word "fold" insert "to any free inhabitant of the said town, or any servant or slave of such inhabitant." Page 8, line 9, strike out the words "victuals or." Page 10, line 2, after the word "same" insert "to the use of any prisoners who may then be in the county gaol, or if there be no such prisoners, to the use of the poor-house." Page 13, last line, after the word "thereof" insert as follows: "Being authorized however to omit to open such streets, lanes or alleys, appearing in the original plot, as they may think unnecessary and useless to the said town."

Which were read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill providing a remedy for the creditors of persons dying seized of land without known heirs. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Montgomery, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.