

"By the senate, December 5, 1796: Read the second time and will pass.
"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.
The bill for the relief of Anne Dent and Theodore Dent, administrators of Peter Dent, late of Charles county, deceased, endorsed; "By the senate, November 18, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.
"By the senate, December 3, 1796: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.
"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 6th line of the first page, after the word "warehouse" insert "for the purpose of defence." In the 7th line of the same page strike out the words "there for the purpose of defence." In the 13th line of the same page, after the word "thus" strike out to the end of the preamble, and insert the word "incurred."
And the bill for erecting a new bridge over Dividing creek, between the counties of Somerset and Worcester, endorsed; "By the senate, November 21, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.
"By the senate, December 5, 1796: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.
"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 1st line of the preamble strike out the words "and causeways leading." In the 2d line of the preamble strike out the word "are" and insert "is." In the 8th line of the 1st page strike out from the word "chapel" to the second "and" in the 10th line of the same page. In the 16th line of the second page, after the word "his" insert "heirs." Same line, after the word "executors" strike out "heirs." In the 18th line of the 2d page, after the word "commissioner" insert "or commissioners." At the beginning of the last line of the second page insert the words "his or." In the 3d line of the 3d page strike out the letter "s" at the end of the word "purposes." In the 4th line of the same page strike out the words "and causeways." In the 8th line of the same page, after the word "uses" insert "and." In the 9th line of the same page strike out the words "entitled to demand the same, or either of them," and insert "respectively." In the 3d line of the 4th page, after the word "person" insert "or persons." In the 4th line of the same page strike out the word "lived" and insert "resided, from time to time." In the same line, after the word "person" insert "or persons." In the 5th line of the same page, after the word "person" insert "or persons." Strike out the last enacting clause.

Mr. Lambert Hyland, a delegate returned for Somerset county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 6, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

WE propose on Friday next, if agreeable to your house, to go into a joint ballot for the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States after the third day of March next, which is the end of the term for which John Eager Howard, Esquire, was chosen.
By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

The house took into consideration the petition of Christopher Hughes, and others, and the counter petitions thereto, agreeably to the order of the day, and after examination of witnesses on behalf of the petitioners and the counter petitioners, and hearing counsel at the bar of the house in support of the same, ORDERED, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The order of the day for the second reading the bill for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state is postponed till to-morrow.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 7, 1796.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

A petition from John Eccleston, of Dorchester county, praying the treasurer may be empowered to reimburse him the principal, interest and cost, of a judgment obtained against him for certain property which he purchased of the late intendant, which he had paid for previous to the institution of the suit against him by the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Baker, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. J. C. Thomas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Anne Welsh, of Anne-Arundel county, praying that there may be a sum of money allowed her annually for the maintenance of her daughter Cincy Welsh, who is an idiot, and hath been so from her birth, report, that they have taken the said petition under consideration, and find the facts to be as therein stated; and your committee being of opinion that the said Cincy Welsh is an object of pity and compassion, and entitled to relief