

The engrossed bills from No. 1 to 41, except No. 13 and 19, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee of claims allow the members now attending the general assembly from the eastern shore such further itinerant charges as to them shall appear reasonable, on account of their being obliged to return around the head of the bay.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee of claims allow each of the delegates from Allegany county sixteen days itinerant charges.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and the following message.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 30, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

AGREEABLY to your message we have reconsidered our first amendment to the bill, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and do recede from the same.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

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

The engrossed bills No. 43, 44, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 53, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of Samuel Patterson Wallace, and the following message :

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 30, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

WE cannot reconsider the resolution in favour of Samuel P. Wallace, as requested by you in your message of yesterday. It was not the want of competent testimony that induced us to dissent from it. Admitting all the facts stated in the petition to be fully substantiated, still we should consider the resolve proposed by you a departure from principles long since established, and in our opinion founded in sound policy.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, and the following message :

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 30, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

AGREEABLY to your message we have reconsidered our seventh amendment to the bill, entitled, An act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, and do recede from the same.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

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

The bill to lay out and open a road from a place commonly called Bean-town to Port-Tobacco, in Charles county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 27, 1796: Read the first time and ordered "to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 29, 1796: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the petition of Richard Alexander Contee was read the second time, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On the second reading of the report on the petition of Edward Hyland, the question was put, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Edward Hyland, of Cecil county, the sum of £. 152 18 4 current money? Determined in the negative.

RESOLVED, That Walter Bowie, Levi Gantt, Benjamin Lowndes and Thomas Duckett, of Prince-George's county, and William Harwood and Edward Hall, of Edward, of Anne-Arundel county, and Charles Wallace and James Williams, of the city of Annapolis, be and they, or any four of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to examine the situation of the country between the city of Washington and the city of Annapolis, and ascertain and determine the direction and position of the nearest and most convenient and practicable road that can be laid off between the said places, and report the same, with a plot thereof, to the next general assembly.

RESOLVED, That each of the said persons, for every day he shall attend in ascertaining the direction and position of the said road, shall be allowed the sum of two dollars; and the respective levy courts of the counties of Prince-George's and Anne-Arundel are hereby authorized and empowered to levy a sum of money in their respective counties, not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, for the purpose of paying said persons.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message :

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 30, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

AS the salaries to the district judges, and the allowances to jurymen and witnesses, and to ourselves, have been increased during the present session, on the principle of the great rise in the price of provisions, and of all other articles, the same principle ought to be extended to the chancellor and the judges