

The bill to allow further time for collecting the balances due Thomas O'Bryon, late sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, deceased, was read the second time, and passed.

The bill to open a road from Pratt-street extended, through the land of James Carroll till it intersects the road leading to Elk-Ridge Landing, and to shut up and stop all those parts of the old Frederick and Garrison roads therein mentioned, was read the second time, and passed with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the seventh line from the top of the first page strike out the word "twenty" and insert "thirty." After the word "Carroll" in the sixth line of same page insert "at the expence of the said James Carroll."

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Prince-George's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support and maintenance of the children of Catharine Havies; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message being prepared, was read and agreed to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 14, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have thought proper to return you the bill, entitled, An act to empower the justices of the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned. This bill is intended for the relief of James Britton and Alice Britton, of Anne-Arundel county, they being real objects of compassion, from their extreme age, infirmities and indigence; and as general rules are not without exceptions, from the peculiar circumstances attending this case, we hope you will not insist on a rigid adherence to the intimations contained in your message of the 9th instant, and on reconsideration will pass said bill.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The bill to alter the times of holding the county courts in Caroline and Dorchester counties, was read the second time, and passed.

The following question being propounded to the house, was read.

Whereas it is essential to the character and dignity of a representative government, that the public functionaries thereof should support a fair and unimpeached reputation: And whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that Robert Swailes, a delegate for the county of Montgomery, has, during this session, taken an undue and ungenerous advantage of a certain Henry Crist, by playing with marked cards, knowing the same to be marked, and by that means winning the money of the said Crist; and this house being of opinion that such conduct is derogatory to the character of a representative of the people, RESOLVED, That this house will proceed to inquire into the facts herein above stated and set forth against the said Swailes on Saturday the sixteenth instant.

ORDERED, That the same be postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill declaring the road therein mentioned a public road, endorsed; "By the senate, November 30, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 13, 1797: Read the second time and will not pass.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 13, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

UPON consideration of the bill sent from your house, entitled, An act declaring the road therein mentioned a public road, we have conceived that the last provision of it might, in future, after considerable expence by the county, defeat a road which nothing ought to induce us to establish a public highway but a certainty of its public utility and convenience. We have therefore rejected that bill, and have originated and passed another, entitled, An act declaring a certain road in Worcester county a public highway, upon the same subject, in which we have endeavoured to secure compensation to all persons, infants and others, whose interest may be prejudiced by opening the road.

The bill passed by the senate is herewith transmitted, and we hope will gain your assent.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

A bill, entitled, An act declaring a certain road in Worcester county a public highway, endorsed;

"By the senate, December 13, 1797: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill declaring a road in the upper part of Baltimore county a public highway, and for keeping the same in repair, endorsed; "By the senate, December 8, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 13, 1797: Read the second time and will not pass.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 13, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have rejected the bill, entitled, An act declaring a road in the upper part of Baltimore county a public highway, and for keeping the same in repair, as not containing sufficient certainty in the designation of the road requiring repair. We have originated and passed a bill which we think calculated to effect the object contemplated in the one rejected, which we hope will receive your approbation.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

A bill,