

Which was read, and referred to Mr. T. Buchanan, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Key, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Warfield, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to encourage the destruction of wolves and crows in the several counties therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 18, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 19, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Amendment proposed. In the 11th line of the 3d page strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "eight."

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

The bill to authorize and empower the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy a sum of money for the support of Bennett Thompson, son of Elizabeth Thompson, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 19, 1797: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Amendments proposed. In the 9th line of the 1st page strike out from the word "useless" to the end of the section, and insert "and praying that a law may pass for the support and maintenance of her said son out of the poor's house, and the prayer of the said petitioner appearing reasonable; therefore." In the 3d line of the 2d page strike out from the word "Thompson" to the word "and," being the fifth word in the fourth line of the same page.

Which were read.

And the bill 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, endorsed; "By the senate, December 19, 1797: Upon reconsideration will pass with the proposed amendment."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Amendment proposed. In the 5th line of the 1st page, after the word "that" strike out to the word "and" in the 6th line of the same page, and insert "they are both upwards of eighty years of age and very infirm, and that the said Alice is in such an advanced stage of the dropsy as to be incapable of being removed to the poor-house of the said county without endangering her life."

Which was read.

Mr. Parker has leave of absence.

The report on the petition of Samuel T. Dyson was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the petition of the said Dyson prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to secure the possessions and property of certain foreigners who have settled within this state, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to alter, abolish and repeal, such parts of the second, third, fourteenth and forty-second sections of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the judges, time, place and manner, of holding the several elections therein specified, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill will pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Leigh,	Bourne,	Jones,	Calvert,	Montgomery,	C. Beall,
Angier,	Chapman,	Polk,	Key,	Jarrett,	J. Buchanan,
Comegys,	Thomas, Chas.	Hollingsworth,	C. Frazier,	McComas,	Riley,
Page,	Merryman,	Wallace,	Emory,	Boad,	P. Magruder,
Parker,	Worthington,	Miller,	Wilson,	Bennett,	R. Magruder,
J. C. Thomas,	E. Brown,	Matthews,	Rackliff,	Mitchell,	Clarke,
Brogden,	Sherwood,	Addison,	Warfield,	Young,	A. Beall,
Hall,	Kerr,	Bowie,	Thomas, Fred.	Dorsey,	Tomlinson,
Godman,	Harwood,	Duckett,	Bruce,	Kershner,	Rice.
		N E G A T I V E.			
Greenwell,	Parnham,	Hyland,	Craig,	Goldsbrough,	J. Brown,
Taney,	T. Buchanan,	Dashiell,	Pattison,	Quynn,	Corbin,
Brome,	Martin,	S. Frazier,			

So, it was resolved in the affirmative.

A memorial from Alexander Contee Hanson, Esquire, praying an increase of salary to the amount of \$1250 per annum, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the memorial of Jeremiah T. Chase, Esquire, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill respecting the testamentary system have a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Goldsbrough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act 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, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of John Threlkeld was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The supplement to the act for building a new gaol in the town of Easton, in Talbot county, and to provide for the regulation of the said gaol, was read the second time, and passed.

On the second reading the report on the memorial of Jeremiah T. Chase, Esquire, the question was put, That the house concur with the first clause in the said report? Resolved in the affirmative.