

mittee, which has been concurred with by the senate, and accompanies this message. If you think it proper to originate a bill conformably with the ideas contained in this report, it will meet with our concurrence.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Polk, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Key, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Duckett, be a committee to prepare an answer to the said message.

The bill to alter the mode of collecting the county tax in Cæcil county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 20, 1797: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill to appoint a trustee in the place of John Cradock, of Baltimore county, who is dead, endorsed;

"By the senate, December 19, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate December 20, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill authorizing the establishment of a new ferry in Somerset county, 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 20, 1797: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 13th line of the 3d page, after the word "bailiwick" insert "not interested in the said lands, nor related to the parties, to appear." In the 16th line of the same page strike out the word "declared" and insert "assessed."

Which were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. 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, endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1797: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill to make compensation to certain commissioners, endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1797: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.
The following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 21, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,
BEING impressed with an opinion that all the public business of real importance may be transacted in the course of another week, we consider a spring session as unnecessary; this impression, together with the additional expence of such a session to the state, and the very great inconvenience to which will subject many members of the legislature, have determined us unanimously not to accede to the proposition of adjourning on Monday the 25th instant to the third Monday in May next.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.
And a bill, entitled, An act to open a road from Middle-town to New-town, Trap or Freedom, in Frederick county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1797: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.
The bill to incorporate the members of the library company of Baltimore, and the supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Washington county, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 21, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,
YOUR very patriotic attention to the necessity of training up and continuing a succession of able and virtuous characters for the administration of our government, as discovered in your message of the 10th day, would have received our unbounded applause, if the report accompanying the message had not covered the policy upon which it was founded. We cannot therefore originate the bill proposed by you, but will, with great pleasure, adopt any plan to disseminate learning which we think compatible with the faith and dignity of the state.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.
Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to establish permanent salaries for the judges of the general court; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. C. Thomas