

interest on the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars quarterly, and on the several days on which interest on the said stock is now receivable from the United States; and provided also, that before the transfer of said stock Gustavus Scott, William Thornton and Alexander White, in their individual capacities, give bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of two hundred thousand dollars, conditioned for the repayment of the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, with interest, at the times and in the mode prescribed by the act of congress aforesaid, as additional and collateral security for the same.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house assent to the resolutions therein contained? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Greenwell,	Parnham,	Dashiell,	Calvert,	Warfield,	P. Magruder,
J. C. Thomas,	Thomas, Chas.	Polk,	Quyns,	Thomas, Fred.	R. Magruder,
Godman,	T. Buchanan,	Matthews,	Key,	Bruce,	Clarke,
Bourne,	Kerr,	Addison,	Corbin,	Kerfner,	Tomlinson,
Brome,	Harwood,	Bowie,	Wilson,	Riley,	Rice.
Chapman,	Hyland,	Duckett,			

N E G A T I V E.

Leigh,	Taney,	Jones,	Miller,	Rackliff,	Bond,
Angier,	Merryman,	S. Frazier,	Nicholson,	Gift,	Young,
Page,	Worthington,	Craig,	J. Brown,	Montgomery,	Dorsey,
Comegys,	E. Brown,	Pattison,	C. Frazier,	Jarrett,	E. Beall,
Hall,	Sherwood,	Hollingsworth,	Emory,	M'Comas,	J. Buchanan.
Emerson,	Martin,	Wallace,			

The house being equally divided, the question was declared in the affirmative by the speaker, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of monies levied or received by sheriffs and collectors, 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 21, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to lay off and open a certain public road in Talbot 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 21, 1797: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill relative to lands devised, where there are no known heirs, or the heirs are aliens, endorsed; "By the senate, December 4, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 21, 1797: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "is" in the 5th line to the end of the bill, and insert as follows: "Provided, that in all actions brought by certain creditors for the recovery of debts due by persons dying seized of lands and tenements; and devising the same by their wills and testaments, the devisees and heirs at law shall be joined by virtue of the said statute; and there being no provision therein for cases where there are no heirs, or where the heirs at law, or any of them, are aliens, or unknown, or nonresidents of this state, doubts are entertained whether in such cases creditors can have remedy at law; Be it enacted by the general assembly of Maryland, That in all and every case where any person hath died, or shall die, seized of lands, tenements or hereditaments, and shall have devised, or shall devise the same in any lawful manner whatsoever, not leaving any heir or heirs, or leaving any heir or heirs at law not being citizens or residents of this state, in all and every such case it shall and may be lawful for any creditor or creditors of every such devisor to have and maintain his, her or their action and actions against the devisee or devisees to whom such lands, tenements or hereditaments, may be devised, without joining the heir or heirs at law in any such action or actions; and such creditor or creditors shall and may have remedy by virtue of this act against such devisee or devisees alone, and against the lands, tenements and hereditaments, so devised, in such like cases, and under such circumstances, as such creditor or creditors might or could have remedy under the said statute, where the heir or heirs at law could or should be joined in such action or actions, according to the directions of the said statute."

Which was read.

The bill to authorize, and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Jemima Thompson, endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 21, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "and" in the 8th line of the 1st page to the word "prays" in the 10th line of the same page.

Which was read.

The bill to incorporate the German evangelical reformed church in the city of Baltimore, endorsed; "By the senate, December 1, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By