

"By the senate, December 21, 1797: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.
"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the last line of the 2d page strike out the word "choose" and insert "elect." In the 2d line of the 3d page strike out the word "choice" and insert "election." In the same line strike out the word "choose" and insert "elect." In the 4th line of the same page strike out the word "choice" and insert "election." In the 5th line of the same page strike out the word "chosen" and insert the word "elected." In the 4th line of the 4th page, after the word "concerns," at the end of the clause, add "provided always, that such rules and by-laws be not contrary to the constitution and laws of this state."

Which were read.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to straighten and amend the several public roads in the several counties in this state, and for other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 21, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, December 21, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.
"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act respecting certificates of surveys made on the eastern shore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Brown, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to the records in the clerk and register of wills offices in Queen-Anne's county; 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 house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, December 23, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Polk, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Rackliff and Mr. Page. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and establish a road from the city of Annapolis to the city of Washington; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That Stephen Zacharie, on Wednesday next, be heard at the bar of this house by his counsel in support of his petition to the legislature for an insolvent law.

ORDERED, That the counter petitioners to the petition of the said Stephen Zacharie be heard by their counsel on the same day.

The bill relating to the records in the clerk and register of wills offices in Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, with the bill to appoint a trustee in the place of John Cradock, of Baltimore county, who is dead, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE return you the bill, entitled, An act to appoint a trustee in the place of John Cradock, of Baltimore county, who is dead, and hope, that upon reconsideration, it will meet with your concurrence. The ground of your dissent, we have understood, was, that the chancellor had power to appoint a trustee in the place of John Cradock, deceased. Upon a view of the law we are inclined to think the chancellor has no jurisdiction over the case, and that it is at least a subject of considerable doubt, we therefore flatter ourselves all objections to the passage of the bill will be removed.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A memorial from sundry persons, creditors of Elkin Solomon; counter to his petition, was presented, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

A petition from Richard Cromwell, praying a return of money paid into the treasury on account of a British debt, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Merryman and Mr. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, with the bill to alter the mode of collecting the county tax in Cecil county.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE return you the bill, entitled, An act to alter the mode of collecting the tax in Cecil county, and hope that you will pass it on a reconsideration; we should not again have presented this bill to your consideration, had we not a hope, that on the representation which may be made of the peculiar situation of Cecil county, you will be induced to rescind your former determination.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The bill to lay a tax on Cecil county to complete the public buildings of said county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The amendment to 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 was read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

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