

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to appoint an agent for the year 1798; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of John Eccleston, endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.  
"By the senate, December 26, 1797: Read the second time and dissented from.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 26, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,  
WE have dissented from the resolution in favour of John Eccleston. Upon examination of the facts, and also the resolves heretofore made in relation to this subject, the senate are of opinion, that the said John Eccleston is entitled to legislative interposition, but conceive the award of the arbitrators exhibited in this case does not authorize the data upon which the specific relief contemplated by you ought to be grounded. The resolve in seventeen hundred and ninety-five, it appears to the senate, does not admit an idea, that the arbitrators thereby to be appointed had any further power than to ascertain the quantity of land affected by the claim of the heirs of colonel Ryder, in order that a suspension of execution might take place upon the judgment against the said John Eccleston, upon his paying for the land not affected by the said claim. The senate will concur in any resolve upon principles similar to those contained in the resolution herewith transmitted.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

The supplement to an act passed at November session, 1792, entitled, An act to open a road through part of Montgomery county, and to repeal certain parts therein contained, endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.  
"By the senate, December 27, 1797: Read the second time and will not pass.

And a bill, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Talbot county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 26, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.  
"By the senate, December 27, 1797: Read the 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.

Mr. Addison and Mr. Kerfner have leave of absence.  
The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, December 28, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Hammond, of the city of Baltimore, guardian to his son John B. Hammond, praying a law may pass authorizing him to lease the real estate mentioned in said petition, belonging to the said John B. Hammond, are of opinion that the prayer of said petition is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

By order, J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Kent county, praying an act may pass for establishing a road from the head of Churn creek to the head of Still Bond creek, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Comegys, Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Martin, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Kirby, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report, as amended:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of David Ross and Richard Cramphin, executors of William Sydebothom, deceased, and of Mary Sydebothom, report, that they have examined and considered the facts therein stated, and finding them to be true, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted; they therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore of Maryland be and is hereby authorized and empowered to pay unto David Ross and Richard Cramphin, executors of the last will and testament of William Sydebothom, deceased, and to Mary Sydebothom, the daughter and only representative of the said William Sydebothom, the sum of fifty-two pounds, with interest thereon from the twentieth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, being one half of the sum of money for which a tract of land called Duncafter was sold by the intendant as confiscated property, but to one moiety of which, in the judgment of your committee, the said William Sydebothom had an equitable title.

By order, J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

Upon reconsideration of the report on the petition of Richard Chew, the question was put, That the house assent to the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative.