

shall also certify to the said courts that the causeway so as aforesaid to be made is in good, perfect and lasting order, that then the justices of the levy courts of Prince-George's and Anne-Arundel counties respectively, at their next levy court, shall levy upon the assessable property of the inhabitants of each county a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of clearing the aforesaid road, and the said sum, when collected, shall be paid to the person or persons employed to carry this act into effect, who shall account for the expenditure of the same to the levy courts of the said counties."

Which were read.

And a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to empower Sarah Buchanan, executrix of Archibald Buchanan, deceased, Alexander Cowan, Thomas Sim Lee, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer and Benjamin Nicholson, to sell and dispose of certain lands for the purposes herein after mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, January 2, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 2, 1798: 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. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the building a record-office in Kent county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The amendments to the bill supplemental to the act, entitled, An act permitting the proprietors of lots binding on the water at the west end of the basin in Baltimore-town to extend and improve the same, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The house returned the second reading of the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, and, on motion, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the more effectual collection of the county charges in the several counties of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Duckett, Mr. Calvert and Mr. Nicholson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The order of the day respecting the bill to appoint an agent for the year 1798 is postponed till to-morrow morning.

The house adjourns till 6 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a report on the petition of Thomas Contee; which was read.

The amendments to the bill for the relief of certain foreigners therein mentioned were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to empower the vestry of Shrewsbury parish, in Kent county, to sell the glebe-land belonging to the same. ORDERED, That Mr. Comegys, Mr. Angier and Mr. Matthews, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to straighten and amend the several public roads in several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, and passed.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to repeal, abrogate, annul and utterly abolish, all those parts of the constitution and form of government which give the city of Annapolis a right to send two delegates to the general assembly? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Jones,
S. Frazier,
Craig,
Pattison,

Hollingsworth,
Miller,
Bowie,

Duckett,
J. Brown,
C. Frazier,

Emory,
Corbin,
Warfield,

Jarrett,
C. Beall,
P. Magruder. 20.

N E G A T I V E.

Bourne,
Brome,
Parnham,
T. Buchanan,
Merryman,
Carroll,

Worthington,
Sherwood,
Kerr,
Matthews,
Addison,

Quynn,
Key,
Thomas, Fred.
Bruce,
Montgomery,

McComas,
Bond,
Young,
Smith,
Doricy,

Riley,
R. Magruder,
Clarke,
Tomlinson,
Rice. 33.

So it was determined in the negative.

The following resolution being propounded to the house, was read.

RESOLVED, That this state loan, for the improvement of the navigation of the Patowmack river, 72,000 dollars of stock bearing an immediate interest of six per cent. or so much thereof as the directors of said company shall lodge good and sufficient bonds for with the treasurer of the western shore, which bonds shall be conditioned for the payment of interest semi-annually until the first day of January, 1800, and for payment of the principal and interest from said day in five equal annual installments, and further conditioned, that the sums therein mentioned shall be faithfully applied towards completing the said navigation; which said bonds shall respectively have two good securities, to be approved of by the governor and council; and the trustee of this state is hereby directed to transfer to the order of said directors, so much six per cent. stock as the bonds approved of by the governor and council shall amount to at the times when the same are lodged with the treasurer, provided the aggregate of said bonds do not exceed the sum of 72,000 dollars, nor any bond be conditioned for payment of a less sum than five hundred and sixty-eight dollars.

ORDERED, That the same have a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Comegys,