

SATURDAY, January 13, 1798.

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

Mr. Dorsey, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act respecting the stealing and counterfeiting of checks or orders on banks; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and passed.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to make an alteration in the York turnpike road in Baltimore county so as to pass by the buildings of Ezekiel Towson; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

RESOLVED, That this house reconsider the question of reference of the report on the petition of Thomas Cockey Deye, of Baltimore county.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplement to an act, entitled, An act respecting the roads of Somerset and Worcester counties, endorsed; "By the senate, January 11, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, January 12, 1798: Read the second time by especial order and will pass. "By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed. "By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

On motion, the question was put, That the resolution respecting a loan of 72,000 dollars to the Patowmack company be referred to the next session of assembly? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs. Angier,	Emerson,	Brome,	Jones,	Craig,	Emory,
Comegys,	Taney,	Sherwood,	S. Frazier,	C. Frazier,	Wilson.
Hall,					13.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs Greenwell,	Parham,	Miller,	Key,	McComas,	R. Magruder,
J. C. Thomas,	Thomas, Chas.	Addison,	Nicholson,	Bond,	Summers,
Brogden,	Kerr,	Duckett,	Warfield,	Smith,	Clarke,
Godman,	Harwood,	Calvert,	Thomas, Fred.	Riley,	Rice,
Bourne,	Hyland,	Quynn,	Montgomery,	P. Magruder,	Tomlinson.
Chapman,	Hollingsworth,				32.

So it was determined in the negative.

The house returned the second reading of the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, and the bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill for the direction of sheriffs and coroners in the return of jurors, and for the better regulation of juries, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass as amended? Resolved in the affirmative.

Amendments proposed. Strike out the word "May" in the eighth line of the first page and insert "March." In the third line of the second page, after the word "who" insert the words "in my opinion or" In the same line of the same page strike out the word "solicit" and insert the words "be solicitous." In the fourth line of the second page strike out the words "so help me God." In the ninth line of the same page, after the word "oath" insert the words "or affirmation." At the end of the second section insert the following: "And be it enacted, That no person shall be summoned as a juror by any sheriff or coroner of this state to two general or county courts successively." In the fourth line of the third page, after the word "oath" insert the words "or affirmation." At the end of the fifth section insert the following: "And be it enacted, That after the passage of this act the sheriffs of the several counties of this state shall not permit their deputies, or any of them, to summon any juror or jurors whom they have not directed them to summon."

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

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill respecting the acknowledgment of deeds have a second reading on Monday next.

The following resolutions being propounded to the house, were read.

RESOLVED, That after a question of importance has been agitated in a full house and negatived, it is improper and impolitic to act upon another embracing the same principle, after the house has become thin by the absence of members representing the remote parts of the state.

RESOLVED, That the question relative to the loan of money to the Patowmack company having been disposed of when the house was full, it is politically wrong again to bring it forward at this time, after many members have left the house at what they thought a late period of the session, under an impression that the business would be left to sleep.

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

THE committee to whom were referred the petitions of insolvent debtors further report, that it does not appear to them that Philip Edwards has given notice of his intention to apply for an act of insolvency.

By order, S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Montgomery has leave of absence.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Matthews, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Comegys, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill to prevent excessive gaming.