

"By the senate, January 16, 1798: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for the more effectual collection of the county charges in the several counties of this state, endorsed; "By the senate, January 11, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

"By the senate, January 15, 1798: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "to" in the 15th line of the 3d page to the end of the enacting clause, and in lieu thereof insert "authorise or empower the collector of such county to sell more of any lot of ground in any town or city in such county than may be sufficient to discharge the taxes and legal charges thereon due, unless the commissioners of the tax of such county, or a majority thereof, shall be of opinion that such lot will not admit of division without material injury to the owner thereof, and shall previously authorise the collector to make the sale thereof to the extent of ground so sold, and unless an entry of such authority to such collector be previously made upon the minutes of the proceedings of such commissioners. And be it enacted, That the collectors shall, within two weeks after making any sale of real property for the purposes aforesaid, make return to the clerk of the commissioners of all their proceedings in relation thereto, and that where, from the sale of any lot or part of a lot of ground in any town or city, agreeably to the provisions of this act, any collector shall receive more money than may be sufficient to satisfy the taxes and other legal charges thereon due, such collector shall, within two weeks after such sale, deposit, for safe keeping, such overplus of money, after all necessary charges deducted, in the hands of the clerk of the county for which such person may be collector; and that the money lodged in the hands of any clerk in pursuance of this act shall be safely kept by him, and paid to the person entitled to receive the same upon demand, or may be drawn by the commissioners of the tax of the county to satisfy other arrearages of taxes, in case any should again accrue whilst the said money shall remain in the hands of the clerk as aforesaid. And be it enacted, That all the powers and authority hereby given or granted to the commissioners of the tax in the several counties of this state be and the same are hereby vested in the commissioners of the tax for the city of Baltimore."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to prevent excessive gaming, endorsed; "By the senate, January 15, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

"By the senate, January 16, 1798: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 3d line from the bottom of the 1st page strike out the words "five hundred" and insert the word "fifty." In the 1st line of the 3d page strike out the words "or the party prosecuting." After the word "Baltimore" in the fifth line of the 3d page insert the words "or of George-town."

Which were read.

And the bill to enable the commissioners of the tax of Baltimore county to collect taxes due or which may hereafter become due on certain lands therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, January 3, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

"By the senate, January 15, 1798: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The house, agreeably to the order of the day, took into consideration the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, and after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourns till 6 o'clock.

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

The house met, and adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, January 17, 1798.

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

The amendments to the bill to lay out and establish a road from the city of Annapolis to the city of Washington were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, endorsed; "By the senate, January 15, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

"By the senate, January 16, 1798: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

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Amendments proposed. In the 3d line of the first page strike out the words "Isaac S. Isaacs." In the 5th line of the same page strike out the words "Matthew Lodge." In the 9th line of the same page strike out the words "Edward Willett." In the 12th line of the same page strike out the words "James Roney and Samael Betsworth, of Somerset county." At the end of the 1st page, after the word "county" insert "by their petitions to this general assembly have set forth, that by reason of many misfortunes they are unable wholly to satisfy their creditors, and have prayed that they may be discharged