

charged, upon their delivering up all their property for the use of their creditors; and the prayer of the said petitioners being found reasonable, therefore."

Which were read.

The additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, praying that the buildings now appropriated to the use of the poor of said county may be converted into a county school, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that as the county charges are now extremely high, it would at this time be inexpedient to burthen the county with the expence of building a new poor-house, and that there is no other building in the county that could so well be appropriated to the use of the poor. Your committee further report, that the passage of the bill for establishing an uniform system of education in the several counties of this state, will, in their opinion, remedy all the evils complained of by the petitioners.

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

By order,

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The report on the petition of Vachel Stevens was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.

The bill for the relief of Samuel Turner Dyion, an insolvent debtor, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of Mary Sweeny and William King, of Prince-George's county, insolvent debtors. ORDERED, That Mr. Duckett, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Addison, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill for erecting a bridge over the Eastern Branch, or Anna-costia river, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Whereas a resolution passed on the twenty-sixth of December last, empowering those who were in possession of warrants or surveys made in Allegany county to compound, by giving bond in three equal annual payments for the composition that might be due thereon, when no return of the survey had been made to the land-office; and it appearing reasonable that the same indulgence should be granted to those who have been careful and active in having their surveys completed and returned to the land-office, agreeably to the intention of the former existing laws; therefore, RESOLVED, That all those who have had their surveys made in Allegany county, and returned to the land-office, shall have the same privilege of bonding for the composition money that may appear due on such certificates and surveys returned, as by the aforesaid resolution is given to those whose certificates of surveys have not been returned to the land-office.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill relative to the discovery of confiscated British property, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Hall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to increase the fees of the examiner-general of the western shore, and the examiner of the eastern shore; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the Patowmack company to receive tolls on produce carried through the canal at the Great Falls, and for other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, January 17, 1798: Read the first and 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.

The bill to make an alteration in the York turnpike road in Baltimore county so as to pass by the buildings of Ezekiel Towson, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to authorise the Patowmack company to receive tolls on produce carried through the canal at the Great Falls, and for other purposes, was read the second time by especial order, and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to ascertain the allowance to jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several county courts in this state, endorsed; "By the senate, January 16, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 17, 1798: Read the second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 17, 1798.

GENTLEMEN,

THE ceiling of this room is likely to fall down, by which accident the lives of persons who should then be in it would be exposed to imminent danger. Mr. Shaw, who has been consulted, apprehends that the bearing of the joists on the walls is considerably less than when they were first put up, owing to their being bent downwards by the incumbent weight of the floor. It will require a considerable sum to secure the joists in so effectual a manner as to prevent their falling in upon the senate room. We cannot determine what sum it will take to make the necessary alterations, nor can the architect ascertain it, as we conceive, until the ceiling is taken off, so as to discover the real situation of the joists. Under this impression, we suggest the propriety of your passing a resolve appropriating money to this purpose.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

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