

“By the senate, January 19, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

“By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.”

Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to establish levy courts in the several counties of this state, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative.

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

THE committee appointed to examine and report the laws expiring with this session, beg leave to observe, that the subject is extremely difficult and perplexing, and rendered annually more so from the want of fixing some definite period at which all temporary laws shall cease—a provision recommended by the committee at November session, 1794, but never adhered to by the legislature in the passage and duration of their subsequent laws; this want of system respecting temporary laws throws great responsibility on the committee, inasmuch as the omission of one law may induce serious mischiefs to the state at large; this responsibility, the difficulty of the subject, and the numerous committees on which the members of this committee have been appointed, have occasioned a departure from the usual mode of procedure, and are of opinion that a general law upon the subject, which they have prepared, should pass, and pray leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to continue the several acts of assembly therein referred to.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee of expiring laws prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to continue the several acts of assembly therein referred to; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

RESOLVED, That each member of the legislature shall receive, for his attendance during the present session, the sum of fifty cents per day in addition to the per diem established by law at the last session of assembly.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, January 20, 1798.

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

The engrossed bills No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 44, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 90 and 91, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by the clerk.

The bill to establish levy courts in the several counties of this state, and the resolution respecting the per diem, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

The amendments to the bill to authorize the building a record-office in Kent county, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for rebuilding a bridge over Jones's Falls, in Baltimore county, was read the second time by special order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative.

RESOLVED, That the register of the land-office of the western shore transmit to the register of the land-office of the eastern shore, on or before the first day of May next, all original certificates of survey and resurvey made on lands lying on the eastern shore, which have heretofore been returned and recorded in said western shore land-office, and that the register of the land-office of the eastern shore file the same in his office.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee appointed to tax the fees arising due on the proceedings against Robert Swailes, report, that in obedience to the order of the house they have proceeded to tax the same, and find the following sums due, to wit: To the clerk for issuing eight summonses, at 3s. each, £. 14 0. To the serjeant for serving the same, £. 14 0. To Margaret Pryse for attendance as a witness, 12/6. To Harriet Pryse for attendance as a witness, 12/6. To Edward Pryse for attendance as a witness, 12/6. To Henry Crist for attendance as a witness, 12/6. To Robert Gover for attendance as a witness, 12/6. To George Jenings for attendance as a witness, 12/6. To William Cooper for attendance as a witness, 12/6. To George Wilson for attendance as a witness, 12/6. To Robert Long for attendance as a witness, 12/6. The whole amounting to £. 80 6. Your committee submit to the house the following order:

ORDERED, That the committee of claims allow to the several persons aforesaid the sums respectively due to them as aforesaid.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

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

The amendments to the further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the bill relating to sheriffs sales, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to continue the several acts of assembly therein referred to, was read the second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

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