

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to authorise the transcribing of such records as are in a decayed state in the register of wills office for Kent county. ORDERED, That Mr. Barroll, Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Dunn, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. J. Magruder, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the going at large of geese and swine in the town of Upper-Marlborough, in Prince-George's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to empower Hardage Lane, of Montgomery county, occasionally to remove his slaves from the state of Virginia to this state, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house on the bill for amending, and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons. The speaker left the chair. Mr. Barroll took the chair of the committee; the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Barroll reported, that the committee, according to order, had had the said bill under consideration, and made farther progress therein.

RESOLVED, That this house will on Monday again resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the said bill.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for building a new gaol in Dorchester county, and other purposes therein mentioned, the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 21, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 21, 1798: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Harford county, at their discretion, to levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 21, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The supplement to the act for the establishment and regulation of levy courts in the several counties of this state, endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 21, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to enable the vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, to dispose of the land therein mentioned, and to purchase other lands to be used as burial-grounds, endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 22, 1798: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill to prevent the firing of woods in the several counties in this state therein mentioned, and the following message:

By THE SENATE, DECEMBER 21, 1798.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have reconsidered our amendment to the bill, entitled, An act to prevent the firing of woods in the several counties in this state therein mentioned, and cannot recede from the same.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from the mayor, recorder, aldermen and common council-men, of the corporation of George-town, in Montgomery county, praying an act may pass authorising the common law fines, collected under judgment given by the court of the corporation, to be applied, under the discretion of the corporation court; that the county wharf in said town may be veited in the said corporation; that the said corporation may be veited with the sole power of granting licences for keeping ordinaries and retailing liquors within the jurisdiction of the said corporation, and that the monies arising from the same may be laid out in the improving the streets of said town; that the inhabitants of said town may not be burthened with any part of the expence for building a new gaol in said county, they having provided a gaol of their own in said town; and that the book which contains the original plan of said town may be removed from the office of the clerk of said county to the office of the clerk of the corporation of said town, endorsed; "By the senate, December 21, 1798: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Summers and Mr. Riley, to consider and report thereon.

And a letter from the governor, enclosing resolutions passed by the legislature of Kentucky, endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1798: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

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