

On motion, ORDERED, That no amendments on the second reading of a bill shall be entered on the journal by the clerk, unless when the yeas and nays are required, in which case it shall be fully stated.

The bill to repeal certain clauses in the act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in testamentary affairs, granting administrations, recovery of legacies, securing filial portions and distribution of intestates estates, as also in the act, entitled, An additional and supplementary act to the several acts for the administration of justice in testamentary affairs, was read the second time, and passed.

Mr. Corbin has leave of absence.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Wine Miller, of Frederick county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion, that from the circumstances stated by your petitioner, his prayer ought to be granted. Your committee are ready to admit generally the impropriety of granting exclusive privileges, yet as it is of importance that there should be a mean of intercourse between the inland counties and towns and the towns on navigable water, and as the population and business of the country are not sufficient to afford passengers for a stage between the places mentioned in the petition, the exclusive privilege ought, in their opinion, to be afforded a person who suffers an immediate loss for the sake of the public good, under the remote and perhaps even possible expectation of individual reimbursement.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Watkins report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true; they are therefore of opinion that the prayer is reasonable, and ought to be granted, and that leave be given to bring in a bill to that effect.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of William Ferguson was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The report on the petition of John Usher Charlton was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for establishing and securing the salary of the chancellor; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hollingsworth, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to open a road from Archibald Dyfart's towards Hugh Ramsay's tavern; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Young, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise Jane Green to dispose of the real estate of said Green, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act to prevent excessive gaming; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from the governor, enclosing resolutions of the legislature of Virginia, endorsed; "By the senate, January 5, 1799: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which were read, and thereupon the house proceeded to ballot for a committee, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time reported, that Mr. Key, Mr. E. K. Wilson, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Barroll and Mr. Thomas, were elected.

ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the said resolutions for the use of the general assembly.

The bill to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money to clear out the creeks leading to and from Upper-Marlborough and Queen-Anne, in Prince-George's county, endorsed; "By the senate, November 22, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 5, 1799: Read the second time and will pass."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money annually for the purpose therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, January 4, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 4, 1799: Read the second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill to authorise Richard Tilghman, William Hopper, Thomas Wright, of Thomas, and Thomas J. Seth, of Queen-Anne's county, to raise by lottery a sum of money for the purposes therein