On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to reform the penal laws of this flate, and to abolish the punishment of

death in certain cases, be referred to the next session of assembly.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Lytie and Mr. E. Davis, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Scott, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of Piercy Powell, John B. Gauline, Philip Shriner, Catherine Carr and Benoni White, severally praying to be divorced a vinculo matrimonii, beg leave to report, that they have taken the said petitions under their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer contained in either of the said petitions ought not to be granted. They further report, that the said petitioners sessively ought to have leave to withdraw their petitions.

By order,

C. GIBSON, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Hyland, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Jones, as attorney for John Mills, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and have examined fully into the circumstances, and sand, from the auditor's books, that the pay due from the state of Maryland to the said John Mills was drawn by some person, whose name is unknown to your committee, on the 23d day of October, 1784, amounting to the sum of f. 89 16  $2\frac{1}{4}$ ; they are therefore of opinion that the said John Mills hath his remedy against the person who hath drawn his pay, and that the state ought not to be burthened with the payment of the said sum of money the second time. Your committee are therefore of opinion that the said petitioner ought to have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, elk.

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

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

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better regulation of apprentices, was read the second time,

and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the printer to the state strike immediately eighty copies, in pamphlets of the act of assembly, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, for the use of the levy courts and the several inspectors of tobacco in this state? The year and mays being required, appeared as follow:

R. Neale, Hebb, Harwood, W. Dorfey, L. Dorfey,	Merriken, Holland, Estep, Jones, M'Pherson,	A F F Denny, Rofe, Lloyd, Hyland,	I R M A T I V E. Dafhiell, Carr, Steele, Van-Horn, Miller, Lowrey, Wood, Handy,	Nelfon, Lytle, Tillotfon, Dickfon,	T. Davis, Swearingen, Ventch, B. Tomlinfon, 34.
Hanfon, Thomas, A. Stuart,	Angier, Stantbury,	Lemmon, Love,	G A T I V E.  Moffit, Hawkins, Shriver, Mason,	Douglass, Smith,	J. Tomlinfog, Crefap. 25.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better supporting the magistrates in the administration of justice within this province, and to repeal the third section thereof, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The year and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Hebb, Hanfon, Thomas, Harwood, W. Dorfey,	Holland, Jones, M'Pherfon, Lloyd,	Lowes, Hyland, Dafhiell, Sto <del>ele</del> ,	Miller, Moffit, Carr, Ridgely,	Thompson, Handy, Orrell, Tillotson,	Scott, Smith, Cellar, T. Davis,	Veatch, J. Tomlinfon, Crefap, B. Tomlinfon,
R. Neale.	Holbrook, Stanfbury,	N I	G A T I	V E. Shriver.	Forwood,	
Angier, L. Dorfey, Merriken,	Moore, Lemmon, Love,	Rofe, Anderfon, Wood,	Burgefs, Lowrey, Quinton,	Hawkins, Kemp,	Lytle, Majon,	Donglafs, Dickfon, Swearingen.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

## W E D N E S D A Y, December 23, 1801.

The resolution respecting sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, the resolution in favour of William ingleton and George Johnson, the supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better regulation of apprendent, and the supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better supporting the magistrates in the administra-