

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1803. 77

RESOLVED, That all proceedings at law against Benjamin Hatcheson, and his securities, on judgments obtained by this state against him as sheriff of Kent county, be and the same are hereby suspended until the first day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and five, and that the treasurer of the eastern shore be authorised and required to adjust and settle the accounts of the said Benjamin Hatcheson for all fines and forfeitures received by him as sheriff of said county in the years seventeen hundred and ninety eight, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, and eighteen hundred, and to make such allowances to him for insolvencies as the said treasurer may deem just and right.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent excessive gaming, was read the second time and passed.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, counter to the petition from sundry inhabitants of the county aforesaid relative to a road to be laid out from the oak tree near Richard Dorsey's, was preferred and read.

The bill to authorise the extending of chains across certain streets in the city of Baltimore during the hours of Divine worship on the Sabbath day, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Friday next.

Mr. Holland, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Calvert county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Imeson, report, that they have considered the same, and are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to relief; they therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto John Imeson, a soldier in the revolutionary war, the sum of fifteen pounds current money annually, during the remainder of his life, to be paid in quarterly payments.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The following resolutions being propounded to the house were read.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised, whenever any part of the sum of five hundred pounds, annually appropriated to meet the contingent expences of government, shall remain unexpended, to apply such surplus to the purchase of a library for the use of the legislature and the officers of government of this state, to consist of such books as the governor and council shall from time to time think proper to select.

RESOLVED, That the aforesaid library shall be kept in the council chamber, under the care of the governor and council, and it shall be the duty of the clerk of the council, as librarian, to keep a list of the books, and whenever any book shall, by direction of the governor and council, be lent out from the said library, the clerk shall note the title of the book, and the name of the person receiving the same; and in case any book shall be lost, the party receiving the same shall be liable to the clerk for the price of the set, and the said clerk, upon receiving such price, shall forthwith purchase a new set for said library.

The bill annulling the marriage of Benjamin Ferguson, of Cæcil county, and Ruth his wife, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 29, 1803.

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

The resolutions in favour of James Neale, Philemon Willis, and others, securities of William S. Bond, William Singleton and George Johnston, Benjamin Hatcheson, Thomas Nicholls, of Simon, and the trustee of the state, the supplement to an act to prevent excessive gaming, the bill farther supplementary to an act to streighten and amend the public roads in Harford county, and the bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Calvert county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Walter Worthington, and others, of Anne-Arundel county, stating, that they were appointed commissioners for the purpose of disposing of a lot of land whereon the old poor-house for the county aforesaid stood, and also to purchase a piece of land, in fee, for the use of the poor of said county; that they contracted with a certain William Caton for a piece of land, and agreed to give him four thousand dollars and the lot whereon the old poor-house stood for the same, and also covenanted with him to petition the legislature for an act to authorise and empower the levy court of said county to assess and levy the sum of two hundred and