

The report on the petition of John Smith Brookes was read the second time, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road in Anne-Arundel county, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled, An act authorising Solomon Holland, late collector of Montgomery county, to complete his collection, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act extending the time for taking the bond of the sheriff of Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act respecting certain lots of land westward of Fort Cumberland, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The amendments proposed by the senate to the resolution in favour of William Rose, James Booker and Philemon Willis, were read the second time and agreed to.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to runaway servants and slaves, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following resolution being propounded to the house, was read, to wit:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Edward Roberts, the messenger to the court of chancery, the sum of — dollars, as a compensation for his services for the last year.

On the second reading of the said resolution by a special order, the blank therein was filled up with the words "twenty-five," and the resolution being read throughout, the same was assented to and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The amendment proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, was read the second time, and the question put, Will the house agree thereto? Determined in the negative.

The following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate with the last mentioned bill.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 9, 1805.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have not acceded to your amendment to the bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, under a full conviction that the provisions of that bill are calculated to promote the interests and convenience of the poorer class of the community, and we can see no reason why that denomination of our citizens residing in Saint-Mary's county should be precluded from enjoying the advantages which are extended to other counties by that bill. We therefore send it back for your reconsideration, and hope you will recede from the said amendment and pass the bill.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

The bill, entitled, An act to lay out, open and change, a road leading from Owing's and Paul's mill to Elk Ridge Landing, was read the second time and passed.

The report on the petition of Benjamin Hatcheson, was read the second time, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to regulate the manner of collecting the fines and forfeitures in the third brigade of militia in this state, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the bill pass? Determined in the negative.

The following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate by the clerk, with the bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act 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.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 9, 1805.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

THE bill which has been negatived by you, entitled, A further supplement to an act 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, we consider to embrace a provision particularly calculated to remedy an inconvenience now existing under the operation of the act to which this is intended as a further supplement. It appears that in many counties where suits have been instituted against executors or administrators, and an auditor has been appointed to ascertain the proportion of assets in the hands of the said executor or administrator due to each respective creditor of the deceased, and the auditor so appointed has refused to act, that the creditor thereby is precluded from obtaining his judgment from the disposition of the executor or administrator to retain possession of the effects of such deceased, when the justice of the said judgment is not even denied. To obviate the difficulty thus arising from the operation of the said law, and which we consider not provided for by the supplement to the same, passed at November session, one thousand eight hundred and two, the fourth enacting clause in the said bill was introduced.

We have therefore sent back the bill in hopes that upon reconsideration of the same, which we solicit, the said fourth section thereof, at least, will meet with your approbation.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.