

mittee are also of opinion, that the auditor-general be directed to pass the said account, and to charge the same to the estate of the said James Chalmers, which claim ought to have the same legal effect, as if the services had been done for the creditors of the said James Chalmers. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to grant to Gabriel Peterfon Vanhorn an exclusive right to keep stage carriages on the public road from the river Susquehanna to the river Patowmack, was sent to the senate by Mr. Steret.

The amendments to the bill to aid conveyances of land improperly enrolled, and for other purposes, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. William Ennalls Hooper, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

The order of the day respecting Jonathan Hagar and Daniel Heester, junior, is postponed for further consideration until the 12th day of January next.

Mr. Roberts brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of certain maimed and disabled officers; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Faw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jesse Suit, beg leave to report, That they have examined the same, together with a certificate from his excellency the governor and captain Pendergast, and are of opinion, that the state is indebted to the said Jesse Suit, for taking up and delivering deserters to the officers appointed to receive them, the sum of £.66 7 6 current money, agreeably to an act of assembly passed at April session 1782, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to raise recruits. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplementary act to the act to empower the justices of Montgomery county to levy a sum of money on the inhabitants of said county for the purposes therein mentioned, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Wootton, Mr. Oneale, Mr. Graves, Mr. Cramphin, and Mr. Beall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

William Perry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Nancy Handy, widow of Joseph Handy, who was killed on board the barge Protector, commanded by commodore Walley, praying a provision for her orphan son Joseph Handy; and a petition from Henry Addison, clerk, praying a restitution of his property confiscated and not sold; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1785: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read.

The engrossed bill No. 3, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Quynn.

Mr. R. Bowie, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Elijah Johnson, of Somerset county, beg leave to report, That they have examined the same, and are fully satisfied that the prayer of the petition is inadmissible and ought not to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

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

George Gale, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bill, No. 3, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1785: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

" By order,

J DORSEY, clk."

Mr. Driver and Mr. Bayly appeared in the house.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and John Smith, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the governor is waiting in the senate to sign and seal an engrossed bill, and requests the attendance of this house for that purpose.

Mr. Speaker left the chair, and, attended by the members of this house, went to the senate, and there presented the following engrossed bill to the governor, who signed the same and affixed the great seal thereto, in the presence of the members of both houses, viz.

No. 3. A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Patowmack.

Mr. Speaker (with the rest of the members) returned, and resumed the chair.

The bill for the relief of the poor in Talbot county, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Bracco.

Mr. Steret, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel and John Smith of Baltimore-town, merchants, beg leave to report, That they find the facts therein stated, relative to the ship

Margaretta,