

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1797.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of John Gallaher, endorsed; "By the senate, November 28, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 11, 1797: Read the second time and dissented from.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The act supplemental to the act, entitled, An act permitting the proprietors of lots binding on the water at the west end of the basin in Baltimore-town to extend and improve the same, endorsed; "By the senate, November 27, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 11, 1797: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Amendments proposed. In the preamble, from the word "whereas" in the fourth line strike out to the word "opened" in the fifth line, and insert the following: "By an act of assembly, entitled, An act permitting the proprietors of lots binding on the water at the west end of the basin in Baltimore-town to extend and improve the same, it was, amongst other things, enacted, that Charles-street, in Baltimore aforesaid, should be." In the sixth line from the top strike out the word "are" and insert "were." In the seventh line from the top strike out the word "is" and insert "was." Second page, in the fourth line from the top strike out the word "seven" and insert "twelve."

Which were read.

The bill to encourage the destruction of crows in Kent county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill recognising the coin of the United States, and the value of foreign coins as established by the acts of congress of the United States. ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Robins and Mr. Kay, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to enable the corporation of the Roman catholic clergymen to receive a conveyance, and hold certain lands, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the petition of William Lamar was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Clarke, Mr. Worthington and Mr. A. Beall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Rebecca Dulany report; that Daniel Dulany, the late husband of the petitioner, in his life-time, being seized in fee of a large real estate in Baltimore and Frederick counties, by deeds, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded, in the years seventeen hundred and seventy-two and seventeen hundred and seventy-three, conveyed sundry tracts and parcels of land, and other real property in the said counties, to his son Daniel Dulany, junior, whose real estate, consisting of the property so conveyed to him as aforesaid by his said father, has since been confiscated by the laws of this state, and sold by the commissioners and intendant, to the amount of seventy-seven thousand and five pounds fourteen shillings and three-pence, as appears by a statement from the auditor. Your committee further report, that at the time of the making of the above-mentioned conveyances, the petitioner was the wife of the above-mentioned Daniel Dulany, the elder, who departed this life on or about the 25th day of March last, and that the petitioner, not having joined in or acknowledged the above-mentioned conveyances, nor having, in any manner, to the knowledge of your committee, relinquished her right of dower in the lands and other real property thereby conveyed, is now entitled to recover her dower in the whole of the said estate. In this impression your committee are confirmed by the opinions of the attorney-general, and other eminent counsel, which have been submitted to their consideration. Your committee, considering the right of the said petitioner as above stated to be unquestionable, and that great and heavy expences would accrue to the purchasers from the state by the prosecution of suits against them for the recovery of her dower, all which the state would be bound to reimburse, as well as to compensate the damages the said purchasers would sustain by the recovery of such dower, and the said petitioner having, by her agent, William Cooke, Esquire, notified to your committee her willingness to accept the sum of fifteen hundred pounds per annum during her life, from the death of her late husband, in lieu of any claim of dower in all and singular the real estate of Daniel Dulany, junior, so confiscated as aforesaid, recommend an acquiescence by the legislature to the terms so proposed by the said petitioner, and beg leave to submit to the house the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Rebecca Dulany, widow of the late Daniel Dulany, deceased, during her life, annually, from the 25th day of March last, the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, provided that the said Rebecca Dulany shall, within two months from the passage of this resolution, execute, in due form of law, a good and effectual release or conveyance to the state of Maryland, and its assigns, of her right of dower, and all claim or title whatsoever, of, in and to all and singular the real estate of Daniel Dulany, junior.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter the time for holding the county courts in Dorchester and Caroline counties. ORDERED, That Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Robins, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Comegys, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the justices of the peace of Kent county at their next levy court to levy and assess a sum of money on the assessable property thereof for the benefit of Anne Smyth; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.