

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee of claims make an allowance on the journal of accounts to Mr. John Harwood, a delegate from Talbot county, for the time he was detained by indisposition in the city of Annapolis, after the last session of assembly.

The bill for the benefit of Phebe Martin and Priscilla Martin, was read the second time, and passed. The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, December 12, 1797.

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

The bill for the benefit of Phebe Martin and Priscilla Martin, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Kerr, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a supplement to the act, entitled, An act to aid conveyances of land improperly enrolled, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A remonstrance from the creditors of Robert S. Smith, counter to his petition, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

A petition from the creditors of James Roney, counter to his petition, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Baltimore, praying the justices of Baltimore county may be authorized to impose a tax on said county for raising the sum of £. 750, for building a bridge over Jones's falls, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Dorley and Mr. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee appointed to bring in a bill to authorize the levy court of Somerset county to levy on the assessable property of the inhabitants of said county a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, be discharged.

The report on the petition of Jemima Thompson was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. R. Magruder, Mr. Brogden and Mr. Bennett, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to prohibit the raising of geese and swine in the town of Saint-Michael's, in Talbot county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The resolution in favour of John Eccleston was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the destruction of crows in Kent county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 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 by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill authorizing the justices of the levy court in Queen-Anne's county to levy a sum of money for the building a prison in the said county, and to regulate the same, endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 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.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to establish a market at Summer-Hill in West Nottingham hundred, in Cæcil county, for the sale of live stock, endorsed; "By the senate, December 8, 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 not pass.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

And the following messages:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 12, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have appointed John S. Purnell, William H. Dorsey and Nicholas Hammond, Esquires, a committee on the part of the senate, to join the gentlemen appointed by your house to form a joint committee of both houses to compare and examine all bills from time to time during the session, as soon as they shall be severally engrossed.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 12, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

FROM the understanding which the senate have of the business depending at present in both branches of the legislature, they are of opinion that the session may close, without prejudice to the public, on Saturday the twenty-third instant. They therefore propose to rise on that day, and flatter themselves it will be agreeable to the house of delegates to concur with this proposition.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which were read.

On motion, ORDERED, That the house resolve itself into a committee of the whole house to take into consideration the bill to alter, abolish and repeal, such parts of the second, third, fourteenth and forty-second sections of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the time, place and manner, of holding the several elections therein specified.