

A bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to freighten and amend the several public roads in the several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1797: Read the first and second time by special order and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill for the benefit of Nicholas Sluby, of the city of Baltimore, 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 13, 1797: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

Amendments proposed. In the 8th line of the 1st page, after the word "his" insert "foreign." In the 14th line of the same page, after the word "petition" insert "in writing." In the 4th line from the bottom of the same page, after the word "debts" insert "the said schedule comprehending distinct and separate lists of all the property and debts belonging to him in his own right, and of all property and debts belonging to his co-partnership." In the 3d line from the bottom of the same page strike out from the word "direct" to the word "in" in the following line, and insert "notice of such application to be given and published." In the 3d line of the 2d page, after the word "behalf" insert "and on the appearance of the said creditors, or on their neglect to appear on notice as aforesaid, the chancellor shall administer to the said Nicholas Sluby the following oath: I, Nicholas Sluby, do swear, that I will deliver up, convey and transfer to my creditors, in such manner as the chancellor shall direct, all my property that I have or claim any title to, or interest in, at this time, and all debts, rights, claims and credits, which I have or am any way entitled to, in possession, reversion or remainder, as well in my own right as in co-partnership with any other person or persons; and that I have not, directly or indirectly, at any time, sold, conveyed, lessened or disposed of, for the use or benefit of any person or persons, or intrusted, any part of my money, or other property aforesaid, debts, rights or claims, thereby to defraud my creditors, or any of them, or to secure the same to receive or expect any profit, benefit or advantage thereby." In the 4th line of the 2d page, after the word "appear" insert "and recommend a trustee or trustees." In the 10th line of the same page, after the word "mixed" strike out the words "except as before excepted." In the 11th line of the 5th page strike out from the word "therefrom" to the word "or" in the 13th line of the same page. Strike out from the word "creditors" in the 4th line of the 6th page to the word "or" in the following line. In the 5th line from the bottom of the 6th page strike out the word "sued." In the last line of the 6th page, after the word "motion" strike out to the end of the clause, and insert "and if the said Nicholas Sluby shall be sued, arrested or imprisoned, on any mesne process, for the recovery of any debts or damages, contracted, owing, or growing due before the passing of this act, the court before whom such process shall be returned shall and may discharge the said Nicholas Sluby out of custody, on his common appearance being entered, without any special bail." In the 3d line of the 7th page strike out from the word "act" to the word "unless" in the 5th line of the same page.

Which were read.

And the bill authorizing the justices of the levy court of Somerset county to levy a sum of money on the assessable property of the said county for building a prison in the said county, and other purposes therein mentioned, 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 13, 1797: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 15th line of the 1st page, after the word "commissioners" insert the words "or a majority of them." In the 9th line of the 2d page strike out the words "seven and a half" and insert "six." In the same line, after the word "collection" insert the words "of the same." In the 14th line of the 4th page strike out the words "seven and a half" and insert "six." In the 12th line of the 5th page strike out the words "seven and a half" and insert "six." In the same line, after the word "collection" insert the words "for the same."

Which were read.

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

F R I D A Y, December 15, 1797.

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

The bill to alter the times of holding the county courts in Caroline and Dorchester counties, the bill to empower the justices of the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, and the message respecting the same, the bill to open a road from Pratt-street extended, through the land of James Carroll till it intersects the road leading to Elk-Ridge Landing, and to shut up and stop all those parts of the old Frederick and Garrison roads therein mentioned, the bill to allow further time for collecting the balances due Thomas O'Bryon, late sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, deceased, the bill to authorize and empower the levy court of Dorchester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, the bill for erecting a bridge over Patowmack river, and the bill to authorize and empower the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Bennett Thompson, son of Elizabeth Thompson, and Deborah Davis, daughter of Margaret Davis, were sent to the senate by the clerk.