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ment being so endorsed, the constable shall take the same, together with the defendant, and deliver them to the sheriff of the county, whose duty it is hereby declared to be, and who is hereby authorized, to detain such defendant in custody until the debt and cost be satisfied, or the defendant be otherwise discharged by law." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messrs Leigh, Greenwell, Wroth, Harwood,	Brogden, Worthington, Carcaud, Brome,	Parnham, M'Pherson, Hyland, Stewart,	S. Frazier, Pattison, Keene, Duckett,	Quynn, Warfield, Shriver, Street,	M'Comas, Bond, Cellar,	Magruder, Turner, Swearingen.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messrs Hall, Taney, Digges, Brown,	Cottman, Haynes, Wallace, Rumfey,	Key, Wright, C. Frazier, Thompson,	Lowrey, Sappington, Ayres,	Malon, Potter, Orrell,	Georhagan, M'Clain, Rile,	Perry, Beall, Rice.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed till the first day of August next.

The report on the petition of Robert Amos was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained rejected.

On motion, the question was put, That the further consideration of the bill to settle the rate of interest to be allowed on open accounts, be referred to the next session of assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution respecting the address of president George Washington, endorsed; "By the senate, January 2, 1800: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 2, 1800: Read the second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill for the relief of fundry insolvent debtors, endorsed; "By the senate, January 2, 1800: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 2, 1800: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which were read.

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 2, 1800.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have passed the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of fundry insolvent debtors, with certain amendments, to which we hope you will accede.

The senate are of opinion, that if its provisions were extended to all persons who might think proper to apply to the chancellor within three years, the most mischievous consequences would ensue. The facility with which acts of insolvency have already been obtained, has operated but too powerfully in inducing habits of dissipation, extravagance, and idle speculation. To increase that facility must inevitably add to those evils so ruinous to the morals of our citizens, and so destructive to public honour and individual confidence.

The different descriptions of characters embraced in our insolvent laws have produced provisions equally inconsistent with the principles that ought to pervade either a bankrupt or an insolvent law, if the subjects were taken up separately. A law framed under such circumstances ought not surely to have continuance beyond that immediate necessity which induces its passage.

The senate expect that a general bankrupt law will pass during the present session of congress. If this takes place, it will remove from our view those applications which most deserve to engage our feelings and attention; and when we are left to act solely upon insolvents, it is hoped by the senate, that the legislature will organize a system more calculated to improve the morals of the people, and to secure private rights, than what has prevailed for some years.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Digges, Mr. Taney and Mr. Nabb, be a committee to prepare an answer to the said message.

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

F R I D A Y, January 3, 1800.

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

The bill respecting the free-school of Anne-Arundel county, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

The amendment to the bill relating to the public roads in Kent county was read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee of claims close the journal of accounts this day, including to-morrow.

The amendments to the bill for appointing a wreck-master in Worcester county, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

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Mr. Warfield,