

In the 2d line of the 18th page strike out the word "which" and insert as follows: "And that the said rates, under the limitation aforesaid, shall be collected at such places, and in such proportions at the said respective places, as the president and directors of the said company, or a majority of them, may from time to time determine, and that the said." In the same line strike out the words "are to." In the 2d line of the 19th page strike out the word "twenty" and insert the word "ten." In the 1st line of the 21st page strike out the word "twenty" and insert the word "ten." In the 9th line of the same page, after the word "enacted" insert "That in case a sufficient sum of money shall not be raised in manner aforesaid for the purpose of completing the works above mentioned, that." In the 12th line of the same page strike out the word "hundred." In the last line of the same page strike out the word "hundred."

Which amendments, upon the second reading of the said bill, were agreed to, and the bill passed with the said amendments.

On motion, ORDERED, That the resolution granting a loan to the city of Washington be read the second time at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the bill, entitled, An act for recording the deed therein mentioned, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 16, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have received your message, and now return you the bill, entitled, An act for recording the deed therein mentioned, with the amendment of yesterday struck out, in hopes that you will pass it on reconsideration. We are satisfied that the principles of this bill have often influenced the legislature, and many instances, if necessary, might be cited. If any amendments occurring to you as protective of creditors or rights acquired antecedent to the execution of said deed are made known or communicated to us, we will give them all necessary consideration.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 17, 1796.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The honourable Charles Ridgely, of Hampton, Esquire, appeared in the senate. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The honourable David M'Mechen, Esquire, appeared in the senate, and qualified before Allen Quynn, Esquire, one of the justices of the peace for Anne-Arundel county, agreeable to the constitution and form of government and laws of this state.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act for the preservation of the breed of fish in Patuxent river, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 15, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 17, 1796: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution granting a loan to the city of Washington was read the second time and assented to.

The president communicates to the senate a letter from Mr. Ninian Pinkney, addressed to both branches of the legislature, soliciting a compensation for furnishing the senate with a copy of the argument made in favour of the state's claim to bank stock now depending in the high chancery court of England; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent thither by the clerk.

The message respecting the bill, entitled, An act for recording the deed therein mentioned, was read, and, on motion, ORDERED, That the senate proceed to reconsider the said bill on Thursday next, provided a copy of this order be delivered to James Price, executor of William Tripp, or left at his last place of abode, before the twentieth day of December instant.

And whereas the petitioners are not in a situation to attend to the delivery of the above order, and defray the expences incurred thereby, ORDERED, That the president of the senate be requested to send a special messenger for that purpose, at the expence of the state.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 17, 1796.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore place to the credit of the securities of Patrick Hamilton, late sheriff and collector of Cecil county, fifty-two pounds six shillings and ninepence, with interest from the first day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, being the dividend of a claim which said Hamilton had against the estate of Robert Christie, which was confiscated by this state; provided that said securities give bond to the state for payment of said money, with interest, should it hereafter appear that they are not entitled to a credit therefor.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 17, 1796.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to pay unto Vachel Stevens, of the city of Annapolis, or his order, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the sum of sixty pounds ten shillings, being the amount of money erroneously paid to the state by a certain William Hanson, deceased, and to which money the said Vachel Stevens is entitled by virtue of a contract made by him with the trustee of said Hanson.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.