

to levy a sum of money in their respective counties, not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, for the purpose of paying said persons.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 30, 1796.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto the chancellor, and the judges of the general court, two hundred dollars each, in addition to their salaries allowed by law for the ensuing year.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 30, 1796.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Ninian Pinkney the sum of thirty dollars, as a compensation for a copy of Messieurs Lyons argument relative to the bank stock of this state now pending in the chancery court of England, made out by said Pinkney for the use of the senate, it not being a part of his duty as clerk of the council.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following message, with the bill and amendments therein mentioned.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 30, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have taken into consideration the amendments proposed by you to an act for the relief of insolvent debtors, and cannot concur in precluding from the benefit of said act the persons mentioned in those amendments, because no fraud or mal-practice appears to have existed on the part of said debtors. We cannot consent to the fourth and fifth amendments proposed by you, they appearing to us in their consequences calculated in a great measure to defeat the benevolent intention of the law.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the resolution authorising John Brown Hackett to correct certain erroneous certificates, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 29, 1796: "Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 30, 1796: Read the second time and assented to.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to, and, with the bill therein mentioned, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 30, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have received your message requesting us to reconsider the bill for laying out a road from Bean-town to Port-Tobacco; having great doubts as to the propriety of the measure, and not time to inform ourselves fully on the subject, we cannot consent to reconsider the same.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

On motion, the honourable David M'Mechen, Esquire, brings in and delivers to the president the following resolution.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 30, 1796.

RESOLVED, That the examiner-general of the eastern shore take possession of, and use as an office, one of the rooms in the court-house at Easton on said shore, not now occupied as a public office, or by the grand or petit juries.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 30, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have finished all the business before us, and as it is very doubtful whether we shall have a sufficient number of members to form a quorum after eight o'clock to-morrow morning, we beg leave to suggest to you the propriety of proceeding to sign and seal the laws at such hour between this and that time as you shall appoint.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the paper bills number 13, 19, 42, 46, 47, 56 and 66; which said bills were thus severally endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 30, 1796: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 31, 1796.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except the honourable William H. Dorsey, Esquire, who is indisposed. The proceedings of yesterday were read.