

The resolution in favour of Henry Ennalls, was read a second time by especial order, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, be made the order of the day for Monday next.

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act for the preservation of the breed of fish, was read a second time, and not passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners on the road from Middle-town, in Frederick county, to the Washington county line in Turner's Gap, and also on the road from Middle-town, in said county, to the Washington county line in Fox's Gap, was read a second time by especial order, and passed with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. After the word "enacted" in the 19th line, insert "by the general assembly of Maryland."

Which said bill, with the amendment thereto, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The amendments to the bill, entitled, An act to appoint a health officer for the port of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, were read, acceded to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed with the amendments.

On motion, William Tilghman, Esquire, brings in and delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the better prevention of the destruction and stealing of wood; which was read the first and second time by especial order; passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The senate took into consideration the message from the house of delegates respecting the bill, entitled, An act for the better regulation of apprentices, and would not recede from their fourth amendment.

On motion, the following message was prepared, read and agreed, in answer thereto.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 21, 1793.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have reconsidered the fourth amendment to the bill, entitled, An act for the better regulation of apprentices, and are of opinion, that we ought not to recede from it. The clause which that amendment strikes out might lead the master to too great severity, and it is unnecessary, because by the nature of the contract he has the inherent right of giving moderate correction to the apprentice, and obliging him to attend some place of public worship, without violating the rights of conscience. We hope that on further consideration you will agree in opinion with us, and adopt the amendment.

By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the bill, entitled, An act respecting the punishment of criminals, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 12, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 21, 1793: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 13th line of the 10th page, from the word "confined," strike out the words "and whipped not exceeding fifteen lashes." After the 9th line from the top of the 24th page insert the following clause: "And be it enacted, That so much of the act, entitled, A Supplement to the act for the establishment of a night watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town, as imposes the levying and collection of a tax on the dwelling-houses, store-houses and warehouses, in said town, for the purposes therein mentioned, shall be and is hereby continued until the thirtieth day of October next, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter, and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the said justices of Baltimore county criminal court, to again levy the said tax, under the same regulation of the said act, and to direct the collection and appropriation as mentioned in the said act."

Which said amendments were read, acceded to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed with the amendments.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 20, 1793.

RESOLVED, That the judges of the high court of appeals be and they are hereby authorized and required, to consider and give their opinion at the ensuing court of appeals, or at the next court thereafter, upon the question of law lately referred to the judges of the general court by the chancellor, when adjusting the accounts between the state and the securities of the late Thomas Williams, under a resolution of November session, seventeen hundred and ninety, and if such opinion shall be in favour of said securities, the chancellor is hereby authorized and requested to make his decree accordingly, charging the said securities only with so much of the sinking fund tax as hath been received by said securities, to be ascertained to the satisfaction of the chancellor, by inspection of the original books of Thomas Williams, and the books of the securities, or otherwise, and that the register in chancery be and he is hereby directed to send a copy of the case in appeal to the attorney-general of this state, on or before the first day of March next.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

The senate adjourns until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

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MONDAY,