

claims of its citizens, who, by their exertions in the field during an arduous and distressing war, have contributed to the establishment of our independence, and finally secured to us the happiness and prosperity which we now enjoy under a government of our own choice. Can it be consistent with the equity which an independent state should always make its strict rule of conduct, that when our treasury is rich, and our annual revenue far exceeds any demands which can probably be made on it, we should refuse to reward the services of a brave and meritorious soldiery, look with an eye of indifference on their sufferings, and, by rejecting their claims, reduce them to all the extremities of poverty and wretchedness? We flatter ourselves you will think with us upon the present occasion, and give concurrence to the resolution.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 29, 1797.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, An act to prevent swine going at large, thus endorsed: "By the house of delegates, November 21, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, November 28, 1797: Read the second time and will not pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Mr. Chesley has leave of absence.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to allow farther time for returning certain certificates to the western shore land-office, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 25, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, November 28, 1797: 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 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, NOVEMBER 29, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have negatived all the amendments proposed by you to the bill, entitled, An act for the destruction of crows and squirrels in Queen-Anne's county, except the fourth, which we have agreed to. As the gentlemen representing Talbot and Harford in this house, do not wish the whole provisions in that bill to extend to their respective counties, they have obtained leave to bring in a bill containing such provisions as they think requisite, and we hope therefore you will recede from those amendments which we have rejected.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The president communicates to the senate a letter from Samuel Harvey Howard, register of the court of chancery, enclosing an account of seals and taxes on proceedings in chancery for the year commencing on the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent thither by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Sarah Hickley, Mary Anne Hickley, Robert Hickley, Thomas Hickley and Samuel Hickley, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

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

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 29, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

AGREEABLY to your message, we have reconsidered our first, second, third and fifth amendments to the bill, entitled, An act for the destruction of crows and squirrels in Queen-Anne's county, and do recede from the same.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The bill, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of wolves in Baltimore county, and the bill, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of flour and salted provisions not merchantable from the port of Chester, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in Talbot county, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. Strike out the last clause of the bill.

Which said bill and amendment were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 22, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, November 29, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And