

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE return you the bill, entitled, An act to alter the mode of collecting the tax in Cæcil county, and hope that you will pass it on a reconsideration; we should not again have presented this bill to your consideration, had we not a hope, that on the representation which may be made of the peculiar situation of Cæcil county, you will be induced to rescind your former determination.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE return you the bill, entitled, An act to appoint a trustee in the place of John Cradock, of Baltimore county, who is dead, and hope, that upon reconsideration, it will meet with your concurrence. The ground of your dissent, we have understood, was, that the chancellor had power to appoint a trustee in the place of John Cradock, deceased. Upon a view of the law we are inclined to think the chancellor has no jurisdiction over the case, and that it is at least a subject of considerable doubt, we therefore flatter ourselves all objections to the passage of the bill will be removed.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which were read.

Mr. Hammond has leave of absence.

The senate adjourns until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 25, 1797.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday. Mr. Dorsey appeared in the senate. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to alter, abolish and repeal, such parts of the second, third, fourteenth and forty-second sections of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the judges, time, place and manner, of holding the several elections therein specified, the bill, entitled, An act to enable the vestry of Saint-Peter's parish, in Talbot county, to receive a deed of certain lands therein mentioned, the bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act respecting the slaves of certain French subjects, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and the bill, entitled, An act to enable the register of Calvert county to record certain proceedings in the records of the orphans court of the said county, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of monies levied or received by sheriffs and collectors, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 22, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 23, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will pass "with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the second line of the second page strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "twenty." In the 9th line of the 3d page strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "twenty."

Which amendments were read and agreed to by the senate, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1797.

RESOLVED, That the petition of Robert Amos, of Harford county, with the accounts, papers and vouchers accompanying the same, be and they are hereby referred to the consideration of the auditor-general, to investigate and examine the same, and the said auditor-general is hereby required to report an adjustment and liquidation thereof to the general assembly at their next session.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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RESOLVED, That William Kilty be and he is hereby appointed to revise the acts of assembly of this state, and to prepare an edition thereof, including all public acts now in force, in the order in which they passed, from the year sixteen hundred and ninety-two till the end of the present session, inclusive, inserting, in the same order, the titles of all private acts, and of such public acts as are repealed, have expired, or have ceased to have any operation, the time of such repeal, or expiring of each law, to be noted in the margin, as also the continuances of such acts as were originally passed for a limited time; to be accompanied with a full and complete index to the whole, compiled in the manner of Bacon's edition of the laws of Maryland, or in that of the Pennsylvania or Virginia laws, which have been sent to this state, or in such method compounded of those, or other precedents, as the said William Kilty shall deem best adapted for the purpose; that the said edition be completed within the ensuing year, so as to be laid before this general assembly at their next annual meeting; and that such compensation be allowed to the said William Kilty as the work, and the manner in which it may be performed, shall appear to merit.

RESOLVED, That Frederick Green, printer to the state, be directed to print and procure to be bound, two hundred copies of the said edition of the laws, under the direction of the said William Kilty; and that the governor and council be empowered, by order on the treasury, to advance to the printer, out of any unappropriated money, such sum or sums as may be necessary for the purpose.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which said resolutions were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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