

at the time of his election, possessed of property within the state above the value of £. 500 current money, as required by the constitution and form of government of this state, report, that from an account laid before the committee, and signed by the collector of the taxes in Harford county, it appears, that the assessable property of said John Montgomery in the county aforesaid is estimated to the value of sixty-five pounds current money; but your committee do not deem the said account conclusive evidence as to the value of said Montgomery's property, or a just criterion by which the house can decide on a case of this nature. Your committee further report, that a schedule of property, amounting to the sum required by the constitution and form of government, and verified by the oath of the said John Montgomery, has been laid before them, from which they are of opinion, that the said John Montgomery was eligible as a delegate for Harford county, and therefore entitled to keep his seat in this house.

By order,

S. LUCKETT, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messieurs	W. Thomas,	Brome,	Harwood,	Miller,	Corbin,	Douglas,	
	Hopewell,	Sprigg,	Johnson,	Wallace,	Wilson,	Reintzel,	
	Neale,	Emerson,	Lamdin,	Duckett,	Shriver,	Swearingen,	
	Spencer,	Bourne,	Jones,	Calvert,	Prall,	Oncle,	
	Barroll,	Chapman,	Wilkins,	Baker,	Bennett,	J. C. Beatty,	
	Buchanan,	Digges,	S. Frazier,	Brown,	Young,	Clarke,	
	Ridout,	Merryman,	Pattison,	Butcher,	Smith,	Beall,	
	J. C. Thomas,	Worthington,	Campbell,	C. Frazier,	Cellar,	Tomlinson,	
	Brogden,	Carroll,	Hollingsworth,	Whittington,	Bowles,	Quynn.	
	Hall,	Sherwood,				56.	

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs Jarrett, M'Clain. 2.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 18, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have acceded to your proposition of answering the address of the governor of Maryland by a joint committee, as also to your proposition respecting a conference upon the subject of the bank stock, and have appointed Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, William H. Dorsey, and James Hollyday, Esquires, to meet the gentlemen named in your message upon both these subjects.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to increase the allowance to the jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several counties of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. W. Thomas, Mr. Brome, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Barroll and Mr. Bourne, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill for the relief of Anne Dent and Theodore Dent, administrators of Peter Dent, late of Charles county, deceased, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the petition of George Richardson, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the destruction of crows and squirrels in the several counties therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Robins, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Allegany county, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Chapman, Mr. Robins, Mr. Clarke, Mr. J. C. Beatty and Mr. Duckett, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill for recording the deed therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from John Callahan, register of the land-office, enclosing an account of taxes received from October, 1795, to October, 1796, endorsed; "By the senate, November 18, 1796: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Ridout, Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Digges, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Charles county, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Chapman, Mr. Digges, Mr. Baker, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Brome, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Ridout, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the account of the register of the land-office for the western shore, report, that having examined his account and vouchers, they find, that between the second day October, 1795, and the second day October, 1796, he has received the sum of thirty-nine pounds seven shillings and six-pence current money, for taxes on proceedings in the land-office, and that he has regularly accounted for and paid over the same to the treasurer of the western shore, first