

"By the house of delegates, December 13, 1796: 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.

ORDERED, That the order of this day be postponed until to-morrow.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 15, 1796.

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

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 14, 1796.

RESOLVED, That this state will loan, for the use of the city of Washington, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, agreeably to the request made by the commissioners of the said city under the authority given by the president of the United States to them, conformably to the act of the congress of the United States.

RESOLVED, That the said loan be paid in six per cent. stock of the United States bearing an immediate interest of six per cent. at par, which sum the trustee of this state is authorized to transfer to the said commissioners; provided, to secure the repayment of the same, with interest, at the times and in the manner prescribed by the act of congress, entitled, An act authorising a loan for the use of the city of Washington, in the district of Columbia, and for other purposes therein mentioned, Gustavus Scott, William Thornton and Alexander White, or a majority of them, give bond to the state of Maryland, conditioned for the payment of one hundred thousand dollars, and punctual payment of six per cent. interest on the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, quarterly, and on the several days on which interest on the said stock is now receivable from the United States; and provided also, that before the transfer of said stock Gustavus Scott, William Thornton and Alexander White, in their individual capacities, give bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of two hundred thousand dollars, conditioned for the repayment of the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, with interest, at the times and in the mode prescribed by the act of congress aforesaid, as additional and collateral security for the same.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The president communicates to the senate the petition of the rector, vestrymen, churchwardens, and other inhabitants of William and Mary parish, in Charles county, praying that a law may pass enabling the vestry, on behalf of the said parish, to sell and dispose of certain negroes, the property of the said parish, and to invest the product arising from the said sale in real or other property for the benefit of the said parish; which was read, and referred to the honourable John Campbell and William H. Dorsey, Esquires, to consider and report thereon.

The honourable Littleton Dennis, Esquire, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the president the bill, entitled, An act to lay out certain roads, and authorising certain public landings, in Worcester county; which was read the second time and will not pass.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Washington county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 9, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 15, 1796: 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.

On motion, ORDERED, That the honourable William H. Dorsey, Esquire, be added to the committee to consider and report on the bill, entitled, An act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Pocomoke.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the bill, entitled, An act for recording the deed therein mentioned, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 15, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have returned you the bill, entitled, An act for recording the deed therein mentioned, and trust, if reconsidered, that it will meet the approbation of your house. We conceive the spirit and principle of this bill has influenced the legislature on former occasions, where laws have passed to validate titles defective for want of recording; this case appears more essentially to require legislative aid, because the negroes (the subjects of its operation,) had no power, control or custody, of the original deed, and consequently no fault or neglect is imputable to them. As a security for all purchasers and creditors anterior to the date of said deed, we have amended the bill by a clause to that effect.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The bill, entitled, An act to confirm the title of Levin Irving and Samuel Smylie to the lands therein mentioned, was read the second time and will not pass.

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 15, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have received your message upon the subject of the bill, entitled, An act for recording the deed therein mentioned. The alteration it has undergone in your house certainly constitutes a new bill, and

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