

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the resolution in favour of John Frederick Magnus Amelung, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 15, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 16, 1798: Read the second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 16, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE propose, with your concurrence, to terminate the present session on Friday next.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance to jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several county and orphan courts in this state, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 15, 1798: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And a bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 23, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 16, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 3d line of the first page strike out the words "Isaac S. Isaacs." In the 5th line of the same page strike out the words "Matthew Lodge." In the 9th line of the same page strike out the words "Edward Willett." In the 12th line of the same page strike out the words "James Roney and Samuel Betsworth, of Somerset county." At the end of the 1st page, after the word "county" insert "by their petitions to this general assembly have set forth, that by reason of many misfortunes they are unable wholly to satisfy their creditors, and have prayed that they may be discharged, upon their delivering up all their property for the use of their creditors; and the prayer of the said petitioners being found reasonable, therefore,"

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

## W E D N E S D A Y, January 17, 1798.

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, with the amendments thereto, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion, Mr. McMechen delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to establish levy courts in the several counties of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Mr. Dorsey delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the Patowmack company to receive tolls on produce carried through the canal at the Great Falls, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance to jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several county and orphan courts in this state, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to, and, with the aforementioned bill, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 17, 1798.

GENTLEMEN,

THE ceiling of this room is likely to fall down, by which accident the lives of persons who should then be in it would be exposed to imminent danger. Mr. Shaw, who has been consulted, apprehends that the bearing of the joists on the walls is considerably less than when they were first put up, owing to their being bent downwards by the incumbent weight of the floor. It will require a considerable sum to secure the joists in so effectual a manner as to prevent their falling in upon the senate room. We cannot determine what sum it will take to make the necessary alterations, nor can the architect ascertain it, as we conceive, until the ceiling is taken off, so as to discover the real situation of the joists. Under this impression, we suggest the propriety of your passing a resolve appropriating money to this purpose.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Samuel Turner Dyson, an insolvent debtor, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 15, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 17, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 23, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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