

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 20, 1799.
 RESOLVED, That the state of Maryland assign to Daniel Kent, of Calvert county, for the use of Sarah Weems Allein, all judgments or claims which the said state may have against William Allein; provided, that in consequence of said assignment the securities of said William Allein shall not be affected by any process that may issue on said judgments or claims.

W. HARWOOD, clk.

By order,
 BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 20, 1799.
 RESOLVED, That Richard Key Watts be and he is hereby authorized and directed to provide stationary and candles sufficient for the next session of assembly, and that he lay before this house a fair account of the money so laid out by him in the purchase of the aforesaid articles.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to advance to the said Richard Key Watts the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of procuring stationary and candles for the use of the next general assembly.

W. HARWOOD, clk.

By order,
 BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 20, 1799.
 RESOLVED, That the resolution passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, so far as relates to the money deposited in the treasury for the use of British creditors, which obliges persons applying to produce a voucher that the claims are paid, or secured to be paid, be rescinded.

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And also the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 20, 1799.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,
 WE have finished the business before us, and will be ready, at 12 o'clock, to attend the signing and sealing of the engrossed bills, when we propose adjourning to the first Monday in October next.

W. HARWOOD, clk.

By order,
 Which said resolutions and message were severally read the first time, and the resolutions ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution in favour of the examiner-general of the western shore was read the second time and dissented from.

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

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 20, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,
 WE have dissented from your resolution in favour of the examiner-general, under the impression that it would be introducing an improper principle to give an established salary to any officer of the state whose attention to the duties of his office will be better secured by the payment of fees. If the profits arising from the fees at present allowed by law to the examiner-general are not adequate to the support of the officer, we shall have no objection to such increase of them as will probably produce the sum mentioned in your resolution, or if that measure should not meet with your approbation, we submit to you, whether the act, entitled, An act respecting certificates of surveys made on the eastern shore, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, chapter sixty-one, had not better be repealed, and made to cease at a particular period. Your local information on this subject will apprise you, whether the benefits resulting from that law are proportionate to the expence of the establishment under it.

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

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

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 20, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,
 THE sentiments of the senate, in relation to the provisions to be contained in a district law, have been communicated to you in repeated messages; they were the result of mature deliberation. It is matter of serious concern to reflect upon the abuses that now arise from the want of some written evidence of the qualification of voters. The present practice of persons establishing their right to suffrage by their own oaths, holds out the strongest temptation to the practice of vice and immorality, and experience fully proves its pernicious consequences. We do not propose any alteration as to the amount of property necessary to qualify a voter. We only insist that there shall be proper evidence of the quantum required by the constitution, which we think one of the best supports of a republican government.

To enforce the constitution now established upon this subject, and to prevent the too frequent sportings with the solemnity of an oath, is our object.

We lament that you do not agree with us as to the existence of those abuses, or that you should not think yourselves at liberty to correct them. Pursuing the dictates of our own judgments and consciences, however anxious we may be for a district law, we have determined not to reconsider the bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled, An act to alter, abolish and repeal, such parts of the second, third, fourth, tenth 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, and the bill, entitled, An act to regulate elections, as requested by you.

At this late period of the session, when there is no prospect of an agreement between the two branches, we court not further discussion. But as the establishment of a district system is of primary