

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1802.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, have a second reading on Monday next.

The following resolutions being propounded to the house were read.

RESOLVED, That this legislature highly approve of the prompt conduct of the president of the United States relative to demanding redress from the Spanish government at New-Orleans for the infraction of the treaty of San Lorenzo en Real.

RESOLVED, That the state of Maryland will support such measures as the honour, the dignity and interests of the United States may render necessary to be adopted by the president of the United States, or by the general government, in case the just and honourable redress demanded shall not be obtained.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, January 1, 1803.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Rose appeared in the house.

The bill to incorporate the second presbyterian church in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, with the bill to appoint John Done, John Dennis and George W. Jackson, of Somerset county, trustees for the sale of certain lands lying in Somerset county, the real estate of doctor Ezekiel Haynie, late of Somerset county, deceased, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 1, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have returned you the bill, entitled, An act to appoint John Done, John Dennis and George W. Jackson, of Somerset county, trustees for the sale of certain lands lying in Somerset county, the real estate of doctor Ezekiel Haynie, late of Somerset county, deceased, with a hope that on reconsideration you will pass it. Convinced as we are of the importance it would be of to the representatives of doctor Haynie, we flatter ourselves you will concur with us in passing the bill, when you reflect that the heirs of doctor Haynie are all very young; that the property, from its particular situation, must depreciate in value, and produce no immediate support for the petitioners, and that the money accruing from the sales would be funded, so as to produce an immediate interest, far above any rents of the land, and equally secure; and when we also reflect, that we have granted a petition of the heirs of James Brice on the same principles, at the present session, we cannot doubt your concurrence with us in passing the present bill.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The bill directing the mode of paying the valuation of slaves and servants in cases of commutation of punishment by the governor, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. P. Stuart, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act granting a loan of money to the trustees of Charlotte-Hall school; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from William Bonner, of Dorchester county, praying his title to a certain tract of land purchased by him of Joseph Daffin, deceased, may be confirmed, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. S. Frazier, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Steele, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Van-Horn, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the bill relating to distresses, and the sale of goods taken by distress for rent, and for other purposes, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from James Williams, of the city of Annapolis, praying to be reimbursed a sum of money paid into the treasury for property purchased of the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Montgomery, to consider and report thereon.

The message from the senate relative to the amendments to the bill to prevent slaves hiring themselves, or acting as free, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house agree thereto? Determined in the negative.

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, with the bill to prevent slaves hiring themselves, or acting as free, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 1, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have considered your message relative to the amendments proposed by us to the bill, entitled, An act to prevent slaves hiring themselves, or acting as free, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned. Satisfied of the utility of the amendments introduced by us, we cannot recede from those to which you have disagreed.

We still think that any person hiring a slave, without proper authority from his master or owner, being liable to a fine, a valuable provision in discouraging the practice of elopement, too frequent among our slaves in the country, and an evil which cannot well be remedied without this amendment. We also consider that the fine

of twenty-five dollars on persons owning slaves and suffering them to go at large, and persons hiring them contrary