

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1799.

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MONDAY, December 23, 1799.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The bill to regulate elections was sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Digges, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the representation of Frederick Green, printer to the state, and the memorial of William Kilty, report, that they have examined the said representation and memorial, and as far as the time would permit, have examined the first volume of the laws of the state, prepared under the resolutions of the last session, which they are of opinion is executed with great accuracy, judgment and fidelity, strictly conformable to the resolutions of the legislature, and merits their public approbation and encouragement. The committee have seen the remainder of the work, as prepared for the press, and have every reason to believe it will be executed in the same manner as the first volume, and with similar annotations as to the repeals, continuances, and expiration of laws and supplements; and that the index will be full as the resolutions direct. They further report, that there is reason to expect the completion of the whole work before the meeting of the next general assembly; and they conceive an early distribution would be greatly useful to the public. They are further of opinion, that it will be practicable, and highly expedient, to include in the compilation the acts to be passed at the present session. The committee are of opinion, that it was impracticable, both with regard to the editing and printing, to have the whole work so completed as to be laid before the present session of assembly. They beg leave, in conclusion, to recommend the following resolutions, as proper to be adopted by the house.

RESOLVED, That William Kilty include in the edition of the laws now compiling by him under resolutions of the last general assembly, and agreeably thereto, the acts to be passed during the present session.

RESOLVED, That the printer to the state be and he is hereby directed to have the said laws, when finished, bound in a neat and substantial manner, and as expeditiously as possible, and delivered to the governor and council.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council cause the said laws to be distributed and forwarded as follow: To the chancery court, one copy, to the chancellor, one copy, to the court of appeals, one copy, to each judge thereof, one copy, to the general courts, each one copy, to each judge thereof, one copy, to the governor and council, one copy, to the senate, two copies, to the house of delegates, four copies, to each county court, one copy, to each judge thereof, one copy, to each orphans court, one copy, to each levy court, one copy, to the land-office western shore, one copy, to the land-office eastern shore, one copy, to the treasury of western shore, one copy, to the treasury of eastern shore, one copy, to the executive of each state, one copy, to the house of representatives of the United States, one copy, to the senate of the United States, one copy, to the secretary of state, one copy, to every college or academy in this state, one copy, to the editor, one copy, to each member of the general assembly, one copy, to the clerk of the senate, one copy, to assistant clerk of senate, one copy, to the clerk of house of delegates, one copy, to assistant clerk of house of delegates, one copy.

RESOLVED, That the laws for the chancery court, court of appeals, general courts, county courts, orphans courts, land-offices, the governor and council, the senate and the house of delegates, be marked on the side for their use respectively, and that those for the several states, for congress, and for the secretary of state, be handsomely bound in calf-skin, and marked for their use respectively.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer be and he is directed to advance to William Kilty the sum of two thousand dollars in part of the compensation to be allowed for the whole work.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from George Campbell, of Baltimore county, an old soldier, praying depreciation of pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Key and Mr. Brown, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis Dawes and William C. Gouldsmith, of the city of Baltimore, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof is just, and ought to be granted; they therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be authorized, and he is hereby directed, to cancel a bond given on the 16th December, 1795, by Francis Dawes and William Copeland Gouldsmith, for one thousand one hundred and twenty-five pounds currency, the said bond having been given for a portion of a lot in the city of Baltimore number 65, which said lot appears to have not been liable to confiscation.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Hall, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas C. Deye, of Baltimore county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts truly stated, and think the prayer thereof just and reasonable, and that it ought to be granted; they therefore recommend the following resolution: