

The bill to dispose of Eden school, in Somerset county, and to apply the money to the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 1, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.
"By the senate, December 17, 1796: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."
Amendment proposed. In the 4th line of the 3d page, after the word "vacancy" insert the word "residing."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the bill for the relief of the poor of Washington county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.
"By the senate, December 17, 1796: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."
Amendments proposed. In the 10th line of the 6th page strike out the word "think" and insert the word "appear." At the end of the 13th line of the 22d page insert the words "as may be." In the last line of the bill strike out the words "the above recited" and insert the word "this."

Which were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. Mr. Ridgely appeared in the house.

On the second reading the bill to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, the question was put, That the following be received as an amendment to the said bill? "That the council of the city of Baltimore shall consist of two branches, one whereof shall be denominated the first branch, the other the second branch." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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| Messieurs | W. Thomas, Hopewell, Spencer, Buchanan, Ridout, Hall, | Bourne, Parnham, Carroll, Lamdin, Hyland, S. Frazier, | Goldsbrough, Pattison, Campbell, Hollingsworth, Key, Nicholson. | Whittington, Corbin, Wilson, Shriver, Prall, | Montgomery, Bennett, Boone, M'Clain, Swearingen, | Oneale, Reintzel, Clarke, Beall, Tomlinson. | 33. |
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| Messieurs | Neale, Sprigg, Digges, Worthington, Sherwood, | Harwood, Johnson, Jones, Wilkins, Miller, | Wallace, Savin, Duckett, Calvert, Baker, | Quynn, Brown, Butcher, C. Frazier, Robins, | Jarrett, M'Comas, Young, Winchester, | Cellar, Bowles, Douglass, J. C. Beatty. | 28. |
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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause be received as an amendment to the said bill? "And be it enacted, That the judges of the election for electors of the second branch shall, in three days after closing the polls, give notice of their appointment to the several persons chosen electors of the second branch, and the said electors shall meet on the second Monday in February, 1797, for the first time, at the court-house in Baltimore-town, and on the same day in every fifth year thereafter at such place as shall be fixed on by the said corporation for holding such assemblies, and they, or a majority thereof, exclusive of their president, when met, shall proceed to elect, by ballot, as many persons as there are wards, out of the town at large, and not members of their own body, who shall be men of the most wisdom, experience and virtue, above twenty-five years of age, and residents of the city five whole years next preceding the election." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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| Messieurs | W. Thomas, Spencer, Buchanan, Ridout, J. C. Thomas, | Hall, Brome, Sprigg, Bourne, Carroll, | Sherwood, Johnson, Hyland, Goldsbrough, Parnham, | Hollingsworth, Quynn, Nicholson, Whittington, Wilson, | Shriver, Prall, Bennett, Boone, M'Clain, | Reintzel, Swearingen, Oneale, Clarke, Beall. | 30. |
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| Messieurs | Neale, Worthington, Harwood, Jones, | Wilkins, Digges, Miller, Wallace, | Savin, Duckett, Calvert, | Baker, Brown, Butcher, | C. Frazier, Robins, Jarrett, | Winchester, Douglass, Tomlinson. | 20. |
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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause be received as an amendment to the said bill? "And be it enacted, That any person who hath resided five years in the city and Baltimore county next preceding the election, shall be eligible as a member of the first and second branch, provided he hath resided one whole year in the city next preceding the election." Determined in the negative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following words be struck out of the said bill? "But an inhabitant of Baltimore county removing to the city, and residing twelve months previous to his election, shall be eligible, provided he resided four years in Baltimore county next preceding such removal, and holding one thousand pounds worth of real or