

The amendment to the bill for recording a patent therein mentioned was read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of George-town was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Reintzel, Mr. Oneale and Mr. Baker, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act directing the proceedings against persons guilty of fornication, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

W. Thomas,	Parnham,	Wilkins,	Nicholson,	Shriver,	Winchester,
Hopewell,	Digges,	Goldsbrough,	Brown,	Brother,	Bowles,
Spencer,	Worthington,	Pattison,	Butcher,	Montgomery,	M'Clain,
Ridout,	Ridgely,	Campbell,	C. Frazier,	M'Comas,	Dotiglass,
J. C. Thomas,	Carroll,	Hollingworth,	Whittington,	Bennett,	Reintzel,
Hall,	Harwood,	Miller,	Robins,	Driver,	Oneale,
Sprigg,	Jones,	Wallace,	Corbin,	Young,	Beall.
Bourne,	Hyland,	Key,	Wilson,		46.
		N E G A T I V E.			
Mr. Sherwood,	Duckett,	Baker,	Prall,	Cellar,	Clarke.
Mr. Savin,	Calvert,	Jarrett,			9.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 20, 1796.

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

The bill to provide for the payment of costs of suit to which the state may be a party, and the supplement to the act, entitled, An act directing the proceedings against persons guilty of fornication, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of John Smith Brookes, endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, December 19, 1796: Read the second time and dissented from. A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The resolution in favour of Gassaway Watkins, endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, December 19, 1796: Read the second time and assented to. A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The resolution in favour of Vachel Stevens, endorsed; "By the senate, December 17, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, December 19, 1796: Read the second time and assented to. A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The resolution in favour of Basil Williams, endorsed; "By the senate, December 17, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, December 19, 1796: Read the second time and dissented from. A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The following message. "By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

By THE SENATE, DECEMBER 19, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,
WE have rejected the resolution in favour of Basil Williams. By examining the proper officers, we think it will be more proper to take up the consideration of this subject at the next session of assembly. We are informed that a suit is now depending upon a bond of Clement Sewall, and others, assigned the state by Basil Williams. If the sum mentioned in the bond is not recovered, it would be nugatory to pass the credit proposed, as a large sum would remain due the state from Patrick Hamilton. We find that the securities are not liable to be put to any inconvenience before the next session of assembly, and that probably they could not give the security required, which at present would appear necessary, because if the account liquidated against Christie's estate should have been assigned by Patrick Hamilton, the assignee would, upon application, receive the amount from our treasury, notwithstanding the credit proposed being passed. All these difficulties may probably cease by the next session of assembly.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to empower the justices of the levy court of Charles county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, November 30, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, December 19, 1796: Read the second time and will pass. A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."