

government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

The bill to lay out and open a road from a place commonly called Bean-town to Port-Tobacco, in Charles county, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to explain and amend the thirty-third section of an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to repeal part of the act of assembly therein mentioned 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.

Messieurs	W. Thomas,	Bourne,	Campbell,	Robins,	Young,	Reintzel,
	Neale,	Digges,	Duckett,	Wilson,	Cellar,	Swearingen,
	Spencer,	Sherwood,	Baker,	Brother,	Bowles,	Oneale,
	Buchanan,	Jones,	Brown,	Quynn, jun.	M'Clain,	Clarke,
	Brome,	Hyland,	Butcher,	Bennett,	Douglafs,	Beall.
	Sprigg,					

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Messieurs	Barroll,	Worthington,	Wallace,	Nicholson,	Jarrett,	Driver,
	J. C. Thomas,	Ridgely,	Savin,	C. Frazier,	Prall,	M'Kim,
	Hall,	Hollingsworth,	Quynn,	Shriver,	Montgomery,	Tomlinson.
	Merryman,	Miller,	Key,			

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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Robins, from the committee of elections and privileges, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee of elections and privileges further report, that it appears from the return of the commissioners of Baltimore-town, that Alexander M'Kim, Esquire, is duly elected and returned a delegate to represent Baltimore-town in the general assembly, in the place of David M'Mechen, Esquire, who resigned his seat in this house. All which is submitted.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with. The report of the committee of claims was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee of claims prepare and bring in the same.

The bill authorizing commissioners to survey, mark and bound, certain streets in Beatty and Hawkins addition to George-town, in Montgomery county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Whereas the joint committee, to whom was referred the Virginia resolutions relative to an alteration in the constitution of the federal government, have reported thereon at so late a period in the session as to preclude that consideration which the importance of the subject requires, ORDERED, That the said resolutions be referred to the consideration of the next session of assembly.

RESOLVED, That the governor of this state be requested to inform the executive of the commonwealth of Virginia, that the important public business of this session of the general assembly induced a delay in acting upon the amendments proposed to be made to the government of the United States by the legislature of that commonwealth, with assurances that they will be taken up at the next session of our assembly, and considered with the respect due to the communications of a sister state, and with all the attention due to subjects of such importance and magnitude.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Hollingsworth, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, so far as relates to Cæcil, Talbot and Kent counties, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, with the resolution in favour of John Smith Brookes, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 27, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

IN hopes that the circumstances attending the case of John Smith Brookes can be explained to your satisfaction, we must reiterate our request for a reconsideration. We flatter ourselves you will not consider us unnecessarily importunate in this respect, but will be satisfied that the sending back this resolution arises from a thorough conviction that your dissent, if insisted upon, may involve the petitioner in ruin.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The bill to repeal the forty-fifth section of the constitution and form of government 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.

Messieurs	Neale,	Merryman,	Johnson,	Hollingsworth,	Brown,	Jarrett,
	Spencer,	Ridgely,	Jones,	Duckett,	Wilson,	

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