

The bill to correct a misnomer in an act, entitled, An act concerning the bank stock, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to authorize and empower the vestry of William and Mary parish, in Charles county, to sell and dispose of the negroes, belonging to said parish, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to repeal the nineteenth section of the constitution, and to provide a new mode of electing senators in case of refusal, death, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of this state, of any senator, or on his becoming governor or member of the council, 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.

Messrs	Hopewell,	Emerson,	Campbell,	Brown,	Jarrett,	Douglas,
	Neale,	Bourne,	Savin,	Butcher,	Prall,	Reintzel,
	Spencer,	Digges,	Bowie,	C. Frazier,	M'Comas,	Swearingen,
	Barroll,	Sherwood,	Duckett,	Robins,	Driver,	Oneale,
	Hall,	Johnson,	Baker,	Brother,	M'Kim,	J. C. Beatty. 34
	Sprigg,	Hyland,	Nicholson,	Shriver,		

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Buchanan,	Parnham,	Miller,	Key,	Young,	Clarke,
	Ridout,	Merryman,	Wallace,	Wilson,	Cellar,	Beall,
	J. C. Thomas,	Worthington,	Calvert,	Quynn, jun.	Bowles,	Tomlinson. 23.
	Broms,	Jones,	Quynn,	Bennett,	M'Clain,	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution relative to the communications from the commonwealth of Virginia, endorsed; "By the senate, December 27, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 27, 1796: Read the second time by especial order and dissented from.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 24, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 27, 1796: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed: At the end of the 5th clause add "And be it enacted, That any negro or mulatto heretofore or hereafter held in bondage, and claimed as a slave, but who has been or hereafter may be adjudged free, as descending from a free ancestor, nor the descendants of any negro or mulatto so manumitted or adjudged free, shall be received as competent evidence to manumit any slave petitioning for freedom." In the 15th line of the 8th page strike out the word "fifty" and insert the words "forty-five." In the last line of the same page strike out from the word "given" to the end of the clause and insert the words "shall commence." Strike out from the beginning of the 28th page to the word "be" in the 2d line thereof, and insert the word "and." Strike out from the word "slaves" in the 3d line of same page to the word "shall" in the 6th line. In the 3d line of the 12th page strike out from the word "slaves" to the word "have" in the 5th line of the same page. In the 13th line of the same page strike out from the word "administrators" to the word "shall" in the 15th line. 8th page, strike out from the beginning of the 16th clause to the end of the 17th. In the 8th line of the 16th page, after the word "jury" insert the words "or upon confession or otherwise." In the same line, after the word "mulatto" insert "a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars." In the 3d line of the 19th page, after the word "loan" insert "or otherwise." At the end of the 6th line of the same page add "and such offender or offenders also shall be liable, upon indictment and conviction upon verdict, confession or otherwise, in this state, in any county court where such offence shall happen, be fined a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, at the discretion of the court, one half to the use of the master or owner of such slave, the other half to the county school, in case there be any, if no such school, to the use of the county." 13th page, strike out from the beginning of the 7th line to the end of the clause. In the 10th line of the 18th page, after the word "found" strike out to the end of the page, and insert "living idle, without any visible means of maintenance, or going at large through such county, and without any visible means of subsistence." In the 4th line of the 20th page strike out the word "sixty" and insert the word "twenty." At the end of the 8th line of same page add "and the money therefrom arising, after payment of the charges arising from such commitment and confinement, to pay over unto the justices of the levy courts of the respective counties, for the use of said counties." In the 11th line of the 22d page strike out the word "law" and insert the word "act." In the 8th line of the 24th page strike out from the word "counties" to the end of the clause. At the end of page 24 add "And be it enacted, That where any person or persons possessed of any slave or slaves within this state, who are or shall be of healthy constitutions, and sound in mind and body, capable by labour to procure to him or them sufficient food and raiment, with other requisite necessaries of life, and not exceeding forty-five years of age, and such person or persons possessing such slave or slaves as aforesaid, and being willing and desirous to set free or manumit such slave or slaves, may, by writing under his, her or their hand and seal, evidenced by two good and sufficient witnesses at least,