

Upon reconsideration of the report and resolution in favour of Dennis Griffith, the question was put, That the house assent to the said resolution? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Spencer, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to establish and regulate a market at the head of Chester, in Kent and Queen-Anne's counties, and to prevent swine from going at large in said town; which was read and referred to the next session of assembly.

The following message being prepared, was read and agreed to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 29, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE return you the resolution in favour of Samuel Patterson Wallace, and hope you will reconsider it. The incompetency of the evidence exhibited to you, was, we presume, the reason of your rejecting it. As there will be other evidence brought forward to support his claim, we hope you will, upon reconsideration, assent to it.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The bill to revive and continue an act, entitled, An act for the punishment of horse stealers and other offenders, was read the second time and passed.

On the second reading of the amendments to the bill relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, the question was put, That the house agree to the first amendment proposed? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.				
Messrs.	Hopewell;	Emerson,	Digges,	Bowie,	Cellar,	Oneale,
	Spencer,	Sprigg,	Miller,	Calvert,	M'Clain,	Tomlinson. 16.
	Brome,	J. Thomas,	Savin,	Baker,		
		N E G A T I V E.				
Messieurs	Barrall,	Ridgely,	Duckett,	Butcher,	Prall,	Bowles,
	Ridour,	Sherwood,	Quynn,	C. Frazier,	Montgomery,	Douglas,
	J. C. Thomas,	Jones,	Key,	Robins;	M'Comas,	Reintzel,
	Merryman,	Hyland,	Nicholson,	Wilson,	Young,	Clarke,
	Worthington,	Hollingsworth,	Brown,	Brother,	M'Kim,	Beall. 30.

So it was determined in the negative.

The amendments were read throughout and agreed to.

The following message being prepared, was read and agreed to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 29, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have dissented from your first amendment to the bill, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and hope that upon reconsideration you will pass the bill without insisting upon the same. We cannot agree to this amendment, because it goes to the competency of witnesses born of free ancestors, and entitled to the privileges of citizens. We think that the credibility of such persons ought always to rest with the jury of their country.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to direct the manner of recording the commissions therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 29, 1796: Read the first and second time by special order and will not pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

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

F R I D A Y, December 30, 1796.

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

The bill to revive and continue an act, entitled, An act for the punishment of horse stealers and other offenders, the message and resolution in favour of Samuel Patterson Wallace, and the message and bill relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the payment of the journal of accounts. ORDERED, That the committee of claims prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, ORDERED, That the journal of accounts of this session be closed immediately.

On the second reading the amendments to the bill to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, the question was put, That the house agree to the seventh amendment proposed? Determined in the negative.

The amendments were read throughout and agreed to.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, with the bill to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 30, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have acceded to all the amendments proposed by you to the bill, entitled, An act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, except the seventh. The policy and propriety of retaining the proviso which by that amendment is contemplated to be struck out, is to us very obvious, and we hope, on reconsideration, that you will recede from it.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.