

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

until Monday. It would be a great convenience to most of the members, and we trust not detrimental to the interest of the state.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

And the question put, That the house assent to the same? Determined in the negative.

The speaker laid before the house a memorial from Thomas Lloyd, of Philadelphia, a revolutionary soldier; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to extend the time for completing the turnpike road leading from Boonsborough to Swearingen's Ferry in Washington county, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Boyle delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Jehu Chandler, have taken the same into consideration, and beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the governor and council be and are hereby authorised to act upon the said claim, and to allow the whole, or such parts thereof as may appear just and reasonable, and to draw on the treasury of the western shore for such sum as they shall award to the said Jehu Chandler.

By order,

J. IRELAND, Jr. Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the following order was read and ordered to have a second reading Thursday week. Ordered, That the speaker of the house of delegates transmit to the president of the United States, the following address:

To James Monroe, Esquire, President of the United States,

The house of delegates of the state of Maryland, for the first time since your appointment to office approach you with all the respect and regard, which is justly due to the first magistrate of a free people and we do this with the more pleasure, when we consider that your whole life has been spent in the service of your country, and that in peace and in war, you have always been found her constant her devoted friend. The course pursued by the government of the United States, during your administration meets with our decided approbation, and we have full confidence that your future course, will, like the past, be such as to entitle you to the love and gratitude of the American people; and recently delegated as we have been, we are fully justified in saying that these are also the sentiments of our constituents generally.

We sincerely hail with honest joy, the unanimity which pervades every section of this vast republic with regard to public affairs; and we believe you have used every effort in your power to promote the desirable state of things; and it must be a proud, as well as a pleasing consolation, that to attain this object you have made no sacrifice of republican principles, nor swerved from any duty, but have followed with manly firmness, and stern integrity, an independent and virtuous path. The state of Maryland deeply interested in the general prosperity of the union; and her citizens have full confidence that the general government, will pursue such a policy as will ultimately tend to promote the peace, the honor and the happiness of the whole nation.

We have witnessed with much satisfaction the honourable and magnanimous course pursued by the United States towards Spain; the only foreign power with which any differences exist. That nation *strangely infatuated* as she has been, will surely not long hesitate to comply with those stipulations, which she is solemnly pledged to fulfil, and which her interest as well as her honour requires that she should sacredly observe.

We are the friends of peace, believing peace to be our best policy—yet there are rights which must not be infringed with impunity. There is an honour which must be maintained at all hazards, and the people of Maryland, we are well assured, will on all occasions be prepared to rally round the standard of the Union, ready to lend their aid to the cause of their country.

That under your administration, the people of the United States, may enjoy the best blessings of heaven, is our most earnest wish, and that they may continue to live in social harmony is our sincere desire.

The pursuit of power, and the possession of office, are objects for which we should never make a sacrifice of the public good. A firm adherence to principles, and not to men, to the principles of severities, will raise the United States to the summit of worldly grandeur, and we believe that in the prosperity of this country, the happiness of the rest of mankind is deeply involved.

Mr. Maffett delivers a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Mary Murray and Charles Murray, of Cecil county. Mr. Forwood delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for laying out and opening a road in Harford county, passed December session eighteen hundred and sixteen. Mr. Poll delivers a bill, entitled, An act making valid a certain deed therein mentioned. And W. Price delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Elizabeth Larence, of Allegany county; which were severally read.

The house according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill further supplementary to the act, entitled, An act for amending and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons. On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the question put, That the following be stricken out: "Be it enacted by the general assembly of Maryland, That the passage of this law, in every case where there shall be two or more executors or administrators of a deceased person's estate, the several orphans courts of this state may and shall, when they have fixed and determined on the commission, which shall be allowed to such executor or administrator for the settlement of the deceased's estate, proceed on the application of any one of the executors or administrators, to divide such commission amongst them, allotting to each one such proportion thereof as he or she in the judgment of the court deserve, upon a consideration of the trouble and expense they shall have been at, and the attention, skill and fidelity, wherewith each shall appear to have discharged the trust imposed in them." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Maulsby, the same was recommitted. Ordered, That Messrs. Montgomery and Lecompte be added to said committee.

Henry G. S. Key, Esquire, a delegate returned from Saint-Mary's county, appeared and qualified.

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