

20 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1781.

A letter from his Excellency general Washington, dated December 18, 1781, was read, and sent to the house of delegates by Richard Barnes, Esq;

Messieurs Quynn and Hawkins, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 7, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 8, 1781: Read and assented to.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

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

W E D N E S D A Y, January 9, 1782.

**T**HE senate met. Present as on yesterday, except Charles Carroll, Esq; Barrister. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Messieurs Norris and Taylor, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for an election to determine at what place the court-house and prison of Harford county shall be built, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 4, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

" By the house of delegates, January 8, 1782: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

James M'Henry, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to establish the credit of a bank; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Messieurs Beatty and Duvall, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 8, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 9, 1782: Read and assented to.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

Messieurs Job and Miller, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for holding special elections in Cæcil county, that the inhabitants of said county may declare at what place their courts and elections shall be held, and for other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 7, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

" By the house of delegates, January 8, 1782: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Messieurs Coursey and Stone, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, "An act relating to costs in criminal cases, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 4, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

" By the house of delegates, January 9, 1782: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

Amendments to the bill relating to costs in criminal cases.

After the word "it," in the 5th line, strike out the word "therefore." Strike out from the word "prosecuted," in the 6th line, to the word "shall," in the 7th line, and insert, "for any misdemeanor or offence, and discharged by the court on submission, or fined not exceeding one shilling current money, or prosecuted for any crime and acquitted on trial by a jury." After the word "prosecution," in the 8th line, add, "unless the court shall be of opinion, and so enter on their proceedings, that there was probable cause for the prosecution." At the end of the bill add, "This act to continue in force for three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter."

Messieurs Wilson and M'Mechen, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of bread and flour not merchantable, and for other purposes, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 4, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

" By the house of delegates, January 9, 1782: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

Which was read, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill, entitled, An act relating to costs in criminal cases, with the amendments proposed by the house of delegates, and agreed to the 1st, 2d, and 4th, and rejected the 3d.