

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1787. 7

F, R I D A Y, November 30, 1787.

**T**HE same members appeared as on yesterday, and adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, December 1, 1787.

**T**HE same members appeared as on yesterday. John Hall, Esquire, appeared in the senate. The proceedings from Wednesday to this day were read.

Mr. Matthews, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act to appropriate certain land to the use of the officers and soldiers of this state, and for the sale of vacant lands, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 28, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 3, 1787: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The remonstrance of Thomas Johnson, junior, was read the second time, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by William Hemsley, Esquire.

Mr. Scott, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the adjournment of Baltimore county court, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 1, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 1, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

An honourable member presents the president with a petition from the inhabitants of Baltimore town, approving the plan of government proposed by the late convention, and praying that it might be recommended to the people to appoint a convention to agree to and ratify the same; which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The president then informed the senate, that previous to their meeting on this day, he had, upon the application of a gentleman for that purpose, given a certificate, that no such petition had ever been handed into the senate, and to prevent any subsequent imputation, requested, that it might be remembered by the gentlemen of the senate, that this certificate was given, in point of time, previous to the appearance of the petition in the senate.

The bill, entitled, An act for the adjournment of Baltimore county court, was read the second time by especial order, passed with the proposed amendment, and, with the above petition, sent to the house of delegates by John Smith, Esquire.

Amendment proposed. In the seventh line, strike out "January next," and insert "this present month of December."

The order of the day is postponed till Monday next.

On motion, ORDERED, That the resolutions of the house of delegates respecting the system of government proposed by the late convention, be read a second time; which were read accordingly, and agreed to:

The senate being of opinion, that, on consideration of all circumstances, it would be more prudent to adopt the said resolutions, than by adhering to their own, run the hazard of protracting the session, by engaging in a conference or a train of messaging with the other house on the subject.

The bill, entitled, An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, was read the second time, and, on motion, committed for amendment.

RESOLVED, That George Gale, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and William Hemsley, Esquires, be a committee for the same.

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 3, 1787.

**T**HE senate met. Present as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The president lays before the senate a letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing a letter from the board of treasury, enclosing the requisition of the United States in congress for the present year, together with a statement of arrears, computed to the 30th of June last; which were severally read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by John Hall, Esquire.

The senate assumed the consideration of the order of the day, and after qualifying as directed by the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the election of a member to fill up the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late honourable Thomas Stone, Esquire. The ballot-box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, and on examination thereof it appeared, that Richard Potts, Esquire, had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that the honourable Richard Potts, Esquire, is duly elected a member thereof.

Mr. Taylor, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to fix the holding of the general court for the eastern shore at Talbot, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 28, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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