

"By the house of delegates, December 3, 1787: Read the second time and will not pass.
"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

The 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, was read the second time and will pass.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 4, 1787.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The 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, was sent to the house of delegates by George Gale, Esquire.

Mr. Nicholls, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 4, 1787.

Whereas Bennett Hamilton, of Charles county, by his petition, hath set forth, that he and a certain Peter Green (who is since insolvent) became securities for Edward Green, one of the deputy collectors for Charles Mankin, late sheriff and collector of the public tax for said county; that a balance of upwards of three hundred pounds remains due on his bond, on which he hath been sued, and judgment obtained; and that the whole risk and trouble of the collection having devolved on him, he finds on the books of the said deputy collector debts to the amount of about forty pounds which are insolvent, an allowance for which he prays may be made him; which appearing just and reasonable, RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the tax for Charles county, be and they are hereby authorized and directed, on application to them by the said Bennett Hamilton, and on his making it fully appear, that such insolvencies were not in consequence of his carelessness or neglect, to make him an allowance therefor; and the treasurer of the western shore is hereby empowered to credit whatever insolvencies may be allowed by the said commissioners the said Hamilton on the bond of Charles Mankin.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

Mr. Thomas, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 4, 1787.

Whereas Mordecai Amos, of Harford county, by his petition, hath set forth, that he became a purchaser of four hundred and seventy-five acres of land, within the reserves of the manor, of the late state agent, and that certificates of survey have been returned to the land-office; and further, that he hath sold the aforesaid land, and cannot, under the rules of the land-office, procure a patent until six months after the return of the certificate of survey, whereby he is prevented from removing his family out of the state within that time, and praying to be indulged in his particular situation; which appearing reasonable, RESOLVED, That as soon as the said Mordecai Amos shall fully and completely pay the full amount of the aforesaid purchase, and all costs for surveying and patenting the same, he shall be and is hereby declared to be entitled to receive the patent from the land-office, in the same manner as if the said certificate had been lodged the time limited by law, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The president lays before the senate a petition from Thomas Fowler, respecting an orphan child of a deceased soldier; which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

George Gale, Esquire, from the committee appointed to prepare amendments to the bill, entitled, An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, brings in and delivers to the president the said bill, with the following amendments:

Amendments proposed. In the 8th line of the first page, after the word "assembly," insert "or after appearance shall absent himself without leave." In the 3d line from the bottom of the 1st page, strike out from the word "annually," to the word "session" in the last line inclusive, and insert "appointed by ballot for the purpose aforesaid by the house of which they are respectively members, on the second Wednesday of every session." After the word "two," in the 3d line from the bottom of the second page, insert "commence on the first Monday of March next, and."

Which were read the first and second time with the bill aforesaid, passed, and, with the above petition, sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 5, 1787.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The resolution respecting Bennett Hamilton, was read the second time by especial order and dissented to.

The resolution respecting Mordecai Amos, was read the second time by especial order and dissented to.

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