

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1788. 31

Mr. M<sup>r</sup>Pherson, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:  
**By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 22, 1788.**

**RESOLVED,** That the attorney-general be authorized, on the part of this state, to waive the objection of the said Philip Barton Key's being a minor at the time the said debt was contracted, and the treasurer be authorized and required to discount and allow the claim of the said John Rofs Key against Philip Barton Key, after the same shall be passed by the auditor-general, out of the debts due by the said John Rofs Key to the state of Maryland, for the property of the said John Rofs Key purchased of the attendant.

By order, **W. HARWOOD, clk.**

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

The resolution respecting state and continental state debtors, was read the second time and assented to with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. In the 5th line, strike out the words "next session of assembly," and insert "first day of September next."

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

The further consideration of the order of the day is postponed till six o'clock. **ORDERED,** That notice thereof be served upon the respective parties.

The senate adjourns till 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met. Present as in the forenoon.

Richard Ridgely, Esquire, from the joint committee of both houses, brings in and delivers to the president the following report:

**THE** joint committee of both houses, appointed in consequence of the act of November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled, An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, beg leave to report, that the members of both houses, who did not attend on the first day of the session, have offered such reasons to the committee as have been deemed sufficient to excuse them from the fine imposed by the said act on the members aforesaid.

They further beg leave to report, that the members of both houses, who were absent last session, have satisfied this committee of the reasonable causes of their absence; they therefore are of opinion, that the fines imposed on them should be remitted.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, **J. G. WORTHINGTON, clk.**

Mr. Chapman, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act authorising the appointment of trustees to sell and convey a tract of land called Hall's Lot, lying and being in Charles county, for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 22, 1788: Read the first and 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.

Mr. Houston, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Charles Worthington, of Montgomery county, in the state of Maryland, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 19, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

By order, **W. HARWOOD, clk.**

"By the house of delegates, December 22, 1788: Read the second time and will pass."

By order, **W. HARWOOD, clk.**

And also a bill, entitled, An act to enable the inhabitants of Saint-Paul's parish, in Queen-Anne's county, to elect vestrymen and churchwardens for said parish, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 21, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

By order, **W. HARWOOD, clk.**

"By the house of delegates, December 22, 1788: Read the second time by especial order and will pass."

By order, **W. HARWOOD, clk.**

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

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and, with the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act for the more effectual punishment of criminals, sent to the house of delegates by Nicholas Hammond, Esquire.

**By THE SENATE, DECEMBER 22, 1788:**

**GENTLEMEN,**

**WE** cannot recede from the amendment proposed to the bill which is intended as a supplement to the act for the more effectual punishment of criminals, which you have rejected. We conceive that the power vested in the justices of oyer and terminer, by the fifteenth section of the original act, more properly belongs to the commissioners of Baltimore-town than to a court of judicature; because the subject of that section is merely of a local nature, and concerns regulations very little connected with the ordinary course of justice. For this reason we are induced to adhere to our amendment, and hope that, on reconsideration, you will adopt it.

By order, **J. DORSEY, clk.**

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Charles Worthington, of Montgomery county, in the state of Maryland, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

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