

the said trustees, or body politic or corporate, of such particular church, society or congregation, to hold and enjoy any portion of property, real, personal or mixed, for the uses and advantages aforesaid, whose clear yearly value or income shall amount to the sum of one thousand pounds current money, as hereby before limited and appointed.

And be it further enacted, That the aforesaid several corporations, bodies politic, or trustees of the same, shall, on or before the first day of June, seventeen hundred and ninety, return a list and schedule, on oath or affirmation, of all property, real, personal and mixed, of every kind, by them respectively held, and the rents, issues, and profits thereof, to the clerk of the county court where the same shall lie, to be entered on record, in the book directed to be provided as aforesaid, and the amount of the same shall be deemed and considered as part of the fund allowed by this act for such society or corporation to acquire; and the said corporations, bodies politic or trustees, shall, at the end of every five years for ever thereafter, make return of such list or schedule, containing the clear yearly value or income of their property respectively, to be entered on record as aforesaid. Provided always, and it is hereby declared, that what is herein before enjoined and directed, shall not be extended to diminish or affect any fund where the same is held in common for the use of more than one minister of such society or congregation, unless the clear yearly value thereof, when divided among the said ministers, shall exceed the said sum of one thousand pounds current money for each respective minister.

And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be construed, adjudged or taken, to abridge or affect the rights of conscience or private judgment, or in the least to alter or change the religious constitution or government of any church, congregation or society, so far as respects, or in anywise concerns, doctrine, discipline or worship.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1788.

RESOLVED, That John Merriken be and he is hereby empowered and enabled to discharge so much of his bond given to Richard Harwood, Esquire, as may cover the public tax, by paying into the treasury, on his account for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, specie certificates issued and redeemable by this state, and that he be allowed until the first day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, to pay the said certificates:

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The paper bills from No. 1 to No. 33 inclusive, except No. 20, were sent to the house of delegates by Peregrine Tilghman, Esquire.

Mr. Faw, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the journal of accounts, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 23, 1788: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to."

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

The bill, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as prevent a citizen from taking a seat in the legislature, or being an elector of the senate, without taking an oath in support of the government, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The resolution respecting Luther Martin and John Gwinn, Esquires, was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, 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, was read the second time by especial order, passed with the proposed amendment, and, with the above bill and resolution, the resolution respecting John Merriken, and the bill, entitled, An act to cede to congress a district of ten miles square, for the seat of the government of the United States, sent to the house of delegates by James Carroll, Esquire.

Amendment proposed. At the end of the bill add, "provided the said trustees enter into bond, before the presiding justice of Charles county, with security if required, to insure the application of the money arising from the sale to the purpose intended by the said act, and to account for any surplus that may remain after discharging the balance therein mentioned."

The journal of accounts, was read the first and second time by especial order, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Nicholas Hammond, Esquire.

Mr. Murray, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act in favour of Walter Hanson and Mungo Mufschett, of Charles county, 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 23, 1788: Read the second time and will pass."

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

Also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1788.

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the tax for Montgomery county be and they are hereby authorized to make such allowance for insolvencies to William Robinson, collector of the public taxes in said county, for the years 1783, 1785 and 1786, as they may think just; the said allowance to be placed to the credit of the said Robinson's account with the public as collector aforesaid.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Also the following resolution:

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