

session, according to an act, entitled, An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Wilkinson, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to make valid certain certificates of survey of lands formerly in Washington but now in Allegany county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 9, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 10, 1790: 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.

According to the act of assembly, entitled, An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, the senate proceeded to ballot for a committee to hear and determine on the excuses of absenting members, and on examining the ballots it appeared, that Richard Ridgely, James Carroll, and Nicholas Hammond, Esquires, were duly elected; whereupon the following message was prepared and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 10, 1790.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have appointed Richard Ridgely, James Carroll, and Nicholas Hammond, Esquires, to be of the committee to hear and determine on the excuses of absenting members, agreeably to your message of this day by Mr. Nicholas Worthington.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 11, 1790.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The president communicates to the senate several petitions from the inhabitants of Cæcil county, respecting the discharge of orphan female apprentices from servitude at the age of sixteen years; which were read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill, entitled, An act to make valid certain certificates of survey of lands formerly in Washington but now in Allegany county, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

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

F R I D A Y, November 12, 1790.

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

The bill, entitled, An act to make valid certain certificates of survey of lands formerly in Washington but now in Allegany county; the message appointing the committee to hear and determine on the excuses of absenting members; and the petitions from the inhabitants of Cæcil county, respecting the discharge of orphan female apprentices from servitude; were sent to the house of delegates by William Perry, Esquire.

The president communicates to the senate a memorial from Joseph Clark, of the city of Annapolis; which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to prepare a message to the house of delegates, for the purpose of obtaining the appointment of a joint committee of both branches of the legislature to revise and take into consideration the form of government of this state, and to report such alterations and amendments as the said committee may judge necessary. Whereupon Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, William Hemsley, and Nicholas Hammond, Esquires, were appointed a committee to prepare and report a message on the subject thereof to the house of delegates.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the committee appointed to prepare and report a message on the subject of the foregoing resolution, brings in and delivers to the president a message; which was read the first and second time, was agreed to, and is as follows:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 12, 1790.

GENTLEMEN,

EXPERIENCE has evinced that there are some defects in the constitution and form of government of this state. If these defects are pointed out and corrected by one or more acts, to be published and submitted to the consideration and judgment of our constituents, previous to the next election of senators and delegates, it is probable that the good sense of the people would approve the proposed alterations, and would instruct their representatives to pass the acts alluded to at the next session.

If this opinion be well founded, and you should concur in it, we think it proper that a joint committee of both houses should be appointed to revise the constitution, and to report such amendments of it as may be agreed upon by the committee, and to bring in one or more bills for that salutary purpose. Presuming that you will not object to the appointment of such a committee, we have named John Henry, Charles Carroll, William Hemsley, Richard Ridgely, and Nicholas Hammond, Esquires, to meet the members who may be nominated by your house.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

Mr. W. Tilghman, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to punish blasphemers, swearers, drunkards, and sabbath breakers,

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