

In order to obtain fairness at elections, it is proposed, that the voters be registered in such manner as the legislature may prescribe.

That those parts of the constitution which direct the election of delegates to be annual, be changed, and that, in future, the election of delegates be biennial.

That those parts of the constitution which respect the election of electors of the senate, be explained in such manner as to allow four days for holding this election, as well as an election of delegates.

That the number of senators be increased to twenty members; and, in order to select them more equally from the different parts of the state, that the western shore be divided into three districts, and the eastern shore into two, and that four senators be chosen from each district.

That the senate be enabled to propose amendments to money bills, as well as to all other bills.

That the 45th section of the constitution, which disqualifies field officers of the militia from a seat in the legislature, be abolished.

That the several oaths prescribed by the constitution be repealed, and that an oath, or affirmation, of allegiance, of a different kind, be prescribed to be taken by every citizen on his first election or appointment into office; and that a suitable oath, or affirmation, of office, be likewise prescribed to be taken before the office shall be exercised.

All which is submitted to the legislature.

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

James Carroll, Esquire, appeared in the senate.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 11, 1790.

RESOLVED, That the resolution passed at November session, 1788, for suspending the funds appropriated to Saint John's college for the purposes of paying professors and other officers, and for applying the same to the payment of the interest of the debt due to Messieurs Vanstaphorst, be and the same is hereby repealed.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

Charles Carroll, Esquire, from the committee appointed to take into consideration the resolution in favour of Elizabeth Dorsey, and the several papers relating to the same, made a verbal report to the senate; which was considered and concurred with, and thereupon the following message was prepared and agreed to, and, with the resolution reinstating the funds to St. John's college, was sent to the house of delegates by Daniel Carroll, Esquire.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 11, 1790.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have considered your resolution on the memorial of Elizabeth Dorsey, Executrix of Thomas Dorsey, deceased, and are of opinion that sufficient relief will not be afforded to the memorialist by it. We think she has a fair claim on the benevolence of the state, as by relinquishing her dower to the real estates of her late husband, she enabled him to procure the great sum of paper which has been already paid into your treasury; and we are the more willing to extend our benevolence to the relief of this unfortunate family, when we consider that the legislature cannot probably be again ever embarrassed by any application similarly circumstanced.

A resolution, proposing that the treasurer of the western shore be authorized and directed to cancel all the bonds now in the treasury given by Thomas Dorsey, deceased, and payable to this state, on which any sums of money may be due, would be assented to by this house.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

On motion, Nicholas Hammond, Esquire, brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to make better provision for the appointment and qualification of constables; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 13, 1790.

THE senate met. Present as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Ridgely, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following message and resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 13, 1790.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house, at the request of Samuel Chafe, Esquire, agent for the recovery of the bank stock, have reconsidered his memorial, and after hearing him at our bar, have come to the resolution which we now send your honours for your concurrence. We are of opinion that the conditional stipulated commission with Mr. Chafe, can only be considered as a compensation to him for services performed by him within the trusts and powers committed to him, and cannot extend to or exclude any services rendered by him to the state independent of his trust, and without any power derived from the same, under which he was appointed. This house are fully satisfied, on consideration of the law under which Mr. Chafe was appointed agent, that he was not intrusted or empowered to defend or prosecute any suit in the court of chancery of Great-Britain respecting the bank stock. Under this impression, we think justice entitles Mr. Chafe to receive from the state a reasonable compensation for his professional services in defending and prosecuting the suits in the chancery court of Great-Britain respecting the bank stock, and that this state is bound, in justice, to defray his reasonable expences during