

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1790.

T H U R S D A Y, December 16, 1790.

**T**HE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Harwood, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to empower the corporation of the city of Annapolis to suppress public and excessive gaming, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 15, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.  
"By the house of delegates, December 15, 1790: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

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Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. And a bill, entitled, An act for appointing commissioners to contract for and purchase the Indian Lands in Dorchester county, and for appropriating the same to the use of this state, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 15, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. And a bill, entitled, An additional supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 15, 1790: 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. And also the following messages and resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 15, 1790.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,  
WE have acceded to your amendment to the supplement to the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, &c. which relates to Dennis Griffith, but cannot agree to striking the name of John Taylor out of the bill.

Mr. Taylor's intention to apply was duly notified, as appears by a certificate of the Printer of the Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser; and although he has, in the course of the session, been charged with improper conduct as a collector, before the committee of grievances, yet, as that committee have decided that there was no sort of foundation for the charge, no objection, we apprehend, can be made against him on that account; we therefore hope that the senate will recede from such of their amendments as tend to Mr. Taylor's exclusion from the bill.

By order W. HARWOOD, clk.  
BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 16, 1790.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,  
WE return you the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mark Pringle, and hope you will be induced to reconsider it, and grant the relief proposed to be afforded by it. We doubt not you retain the humane principles on which the late law for the relief of insolvent debtors originated; that the confinement of the person of the unfortunate insolvent debtor, who is willing to surrender his whole property for the use of his creditors, is cruel and impolitic. The abuses committed under that law, as far as we have been informed, alone procured a repeal of it.

We have heard of no suggestion of any improper conduct in the person who makes the present application, and are unwilling to increase his misfortunes by such a refusal as will create a suspicion more wounding to his feelings than all his distress.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.  
BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 15, 1790.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to receive and take in the orders heretofore drawn on the treasurer of the eastern shore by the orphan's court of Caroline county in favour of Philip Casson, of the said county, for half pay due to him as a disabled officer in the late service of the United States, and that the said treasurer of the western shore do pay unto the said Philip Casson the amount or balance due on the said orders in specie, provided that proof be first made to the said treasurer of the authenticity of the said orders, and that a certificate, under the hand of the treasurer of the eastern shore, be produced to ascertain what part, if any, of the said orders hath heretofore been paid.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.  
Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 15, 1790.  
Whereas by a resolution passed this session, the general assembly of Maryland has agreed to advance to the president of the United States, for the purpose of erecting public buildings upon the Patowmack river, the sum of seventy-two thousand dollars, payable in three equal annual payments: And whereas it is necessary and proper to prescribe the manner and times of payment, and to make some provision and establish a fund for the punctual advance thereof, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of the funds hereafter established, the aforesaid sum of seventy-two thousand dollars, in three equal annual payments, the whole of the first payment to become due on the first day of January, 1792, and the second and third