

FRIDAY, November 17, 1797.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.
 Mr. Carroll, from the committee appointed to prepare a message to be sent to the house of delegates with the bill, entitled, An act to prevent the going at large of swine in the town of Nottingham, in Prince-George's county, delivers to the president the following message:

By THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 17, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have rejected your bill, entitled, An act to prevent the going at large of swine in the town of Nottingham, in Prince-George's county, not so much from an opinion that some partial benefits might not result from its passage to the inhabitants of the town of Nottingham, as from an expectation that a bill may originate in your house during the present session, embracing, in its provisions, the whole or greater part of the state.

The advantages which would be derived to the people at large from the confinement of swine, would greatly outweigh the inconveniencies which some individuals in particular situations might experience from their confinement. We are satisfied more pork would be raised, if hogs were kept up and fed in grass enclosures; this practice, we understand, obtains in the Jerseys, and in other states, from whence large quantities of pork are annually exported to this state. Timber, in most parts of the state, is becoming, or rather is become, scarce and valuable; the most thriving timber is cut down to make strong fences to keep out hogs from meadows and grain fields; the annual waste of timber, and the labour bestowed in the making and repairing of those fences, are beyond calculation. Were hogs confined, this labour and consumption of timber would in a great measure be saved, for fences, much less substantial than those at present in use, would prevent other live stock from injuring meadows, grass enclosures and grain fields. To give the people sufficient time to be properly prepared for raising swine in grass enclosures to be appropriated to that particular purpose, we suggest the propriety of passing such a law at the present session, not to take effect before the first day of January, eighteen hundred. Should you be averse from passing such a law, on the apprehension or persuasion that it might be onerous and prejudicial to particular districts, those might be exempted from its operation; as for instance, those counties in which are extensive salt marshes, and that portion of the state lying westward of the Kitocktin mountain, comparatively thinly inhabited, and consequently abounding in a wide range of forest.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read, agreed to, and, with the bill therein mentioned, sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution authorising the governor and council to procure the laws of congress, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act relating to the militia of Allegany county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 13, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 17, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, November 18, 1797.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following resolution:

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 17, 1797.

RESOLVED, That Mr. George Murdock, Mr. Valentine Brothier and Philip Thomas, or any two of them, be authorised, and they or any two of them are hereby authorised and empowered to purchase an estate, in fee-simple, for the use of this state, in ten acres of land in Frederick county, on which certain stone barracks are erected, and which ten acres of land have been surveyed and laid off by Samuel Duvall, surveyor of said county; provided, that not more than three hundred pounds current money be given for the same.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the select vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, lying partly in Queen-Anne's and partly in Talbot counties, to raise a sum of money by lottery for the purpose of purchasing a glebe and parsonage-house for the accommodation of the rector for the time being of the said parish, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 16, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 18, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery in the territory of Columbia; thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 16, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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