

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1797.

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The bill, entitled, An act relating to the militia of Allegany county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

And the bill, entitled, An act to prevent swine going at large, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and, with the following message, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

GENTLEMEN,

WE herewith send you an act to prevent swine going at large. We have excepted from its provisions those parts of this state whose interest it might be thought would be injuriously affected by its operation.

Our not originating this act in the first instance, as suggested in your message, arose from an opinion that the gentlemen of your body, coming from every part of the state, were more competent than we can be to judge to what counties, or parts of counties, the extension of this act would prove beneficial.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 22, 1797.

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

The president communicates to the senate a petition on behalf of the presbyterian church in the city of Baltimore, praying that the said church may by law be incorporated, for the purpose of enabling them to manage, with more convenience, their secular concerns; which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent thither by the clerk.

The president communicates to the senate the petition of William Hammond, on behalf of the Baltimore company, and James Carroll, of Baltimore county, praying that the old road leading from the city of Baltimore to Frederick-town be shut up, and hereafter not considered as a public road; which was read, and, on motion, ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Milligan and Mr. Purnell, be a committee to consider and report thereon.

The president communicates to the senate a letter from John H. Stone, Esquire, respecting the resolution passed at last session for the relief of the suffering citizens of Savannah; which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent thither by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery to improve the post-road leading through Allegany county, thus endorsed: "By the house of delegates, November 20, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD clk.

"By the house of delegates; November 22, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD clk."

And a bill, entitled, an act to authorise a lottery in Middle-town, in Frederick county, for the purposes therein mentioned, thus endorsed: "By the house of delegates, November 20, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table:

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 21, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which said bills were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Nicholas Sluby, merchant, of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 10th line of the 7th page strike out from the word "creditors" to the word "as" in the 11th line of the same page. At the end of the bill insert, "Provided that foreign creditors, not residing in the United States, and not having agents or attorneys residing therein, duly empowered to act in their behalf, shall not be considered within the intent and meaning of this clause."

Which said bill, with the amendments, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 22, 1797.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Conrod Whiteman, or order, the sum of twenty-one pounds nine shillings and two-pence halfpenny, it being for his services as a soldier in the fifth Maryland regiment from the fourteenth day of April, seventeen hundred and seventy-eight, to the first day of March; seventeen hundred and seven-nine.

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.

T H U R S D A Y, November 23, 1797.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The honourable William Perry, Esquire, appeared in the senate, and qualified before Allen Quynn, Esquire, one of the justices of the peace for Anne-Arundel county, agreeably to the constitution and form of government, and laws of this state. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The honourable John Thomas, Esquire, resigned his seat as president of the senate. The senate then proceeded to the election of a president in the room of the honourable John Thomas, Esquire, resigned. The ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, and on examination thereof it appeared, that the honourable William Perry, Esquire, was unanimously elected. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that the honourable William Perry is unanimously elected president of the senate.

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