

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a letter from the governor of the state, enclosing a letter from the governor of the state of North-Carolina, and accompanied by a copy of the laws of that state from the year 1715 to 1796, which said letter was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates; December 6, 1797: Read and referred to the consideration of the senate.
" By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which said letters were severally read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to discontinue the donation to Washington college, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 18, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 5, 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 president communicates to the senate a letter from the governor of this state, dated on the 5th instant; 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 memorial of the trustees of Washington academy, suggesting that the said academy had been consumed by fire, and praying that the legislature would extend to them such assistance as they may think proper, to enable them to rebuild the said academy; which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent thither by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to allow further time for returning certain certificates to the western shore land-office, was read the second time and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to increase the allowance of witnesses summoned to attend on land commissions in Frederick county, was read the second time and will not pass, and, with the aforementioned bill, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to enable the corporation of the Roman catholic clergymen to receive a conveyance, and hold certain lands, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution in favour of Allen Bowie was read the second time, dissented from, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 7, 1797.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following message, and the resolution therein mentioned.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 7, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE observe that you have dissented from the resolution in favour of Allen Bowie, of Montgomery county. The hardship of exacting from him the amount of the valuation of improvements placed on the land, induces us to request a reconsideration of his case. We conceive, that the principle established in this state, of insisting upon the payment of the valuation of improvements on vacant lands, must have originated from a presumption, that those improvements are generally erected from materials taken from the land itself; but as this principle is not applicable to the case of Mr. Bowie, we can see no justice in enforcing the exaction. If you should be of opinion that certificate proof is inadmissible in substantiating the facts, we have no doubt but affidavits establishing the same may be readily procured. Under these circumstances, we hope that upon reconsideration you will assent to the resolution.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The following message was prepared, read, agreed to, and, with the resolution therein mentioned, sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 7, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate took up the resolution upon the subject of Allen Bowie's claim on yesterday, and on mature consideration of all the facts and circumstances, as stated by the petition, (which were taken for granted,) they thought it right and proper to dissent from the resolution. As nothing further appears upon the subject, they have declined to reconsider it.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act authorising the justices of the levy court in Queen-Anne's county to levy a sum of money for the building a prison in the said county, and to regulate the same, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 1, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 7, 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 bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for erecting a bridge over Patowmack river, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

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

FRIDAY,