

Which was read, and, on motion, ORDERED, That the said message be committed to Mr. Carroll and Mr. Hammond to consider and report an answer thereto.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the several public roads in the several counties in this state, and for other purposes therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 19, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 21, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 13, 1797: "Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 21, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

And a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent hogs from going at large in George-town Cross Roads, in Kent county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December "14, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 20, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The bill, entitled, An act to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent hogs from going at large in George-town Cross Roads, in Kent county, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee appointed to report an answer to the message of the house of delegates, reports the following, which was read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 21, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

BEING impressed with an opinion that all the public business of real importance may be transacted in the course of another week, we consider a spring session as unnecessary; this impression, together with the additional expence of such a session to the state, and the very great inconvenience to which it will subject many members of the legislature, have determined us unanimously not to accede to your proposition of adjourning on Monday the 25th instant to the third Monday in May next.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of William Barroll, of Kent county, and Lucretia his wife, was committed, be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The said bill was then read the second time, and the following amendment was proposed.

Amendment proposed. At the end of the title insert "Whereas William Barroll, of Kent county, by his petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that his wife Lucretia, in violation of virtue and morality, hath committed repeated acts of adultery, and prostituted herself without reserve, and that she hath for some time past lived, and is still living, in a state of adulterous connexion, separate from her said husband, and prayed that an act might pass annulling his marriage with his said wife; and the allegations in the said petition being proved to the satisfaction of this general assembly; therefore."

And the question was put, That the said bill do pass with the proposed amendment? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Mr. Perry, president, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Forrest and Mr. M'Mechen. 7.

N E G A T I V E.

Mr. Hammond and Mr. Thomas. 2.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of monies levied or received by sheriffs and collectors, was read the second time and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of William Polk, senior, of Somerset county, was read the second time and will not pass.

Mr. Dennis has leave of absence.

The senate adjourns until 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

The bill, entitled, An act to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent hogs from going at large in George-town Cross Roads, in Kent county, the bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of William Barroll, of Kent county, and Lucretia his wife, with the amendment thereto, and the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of William Polk, senior, of Somerset county, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.